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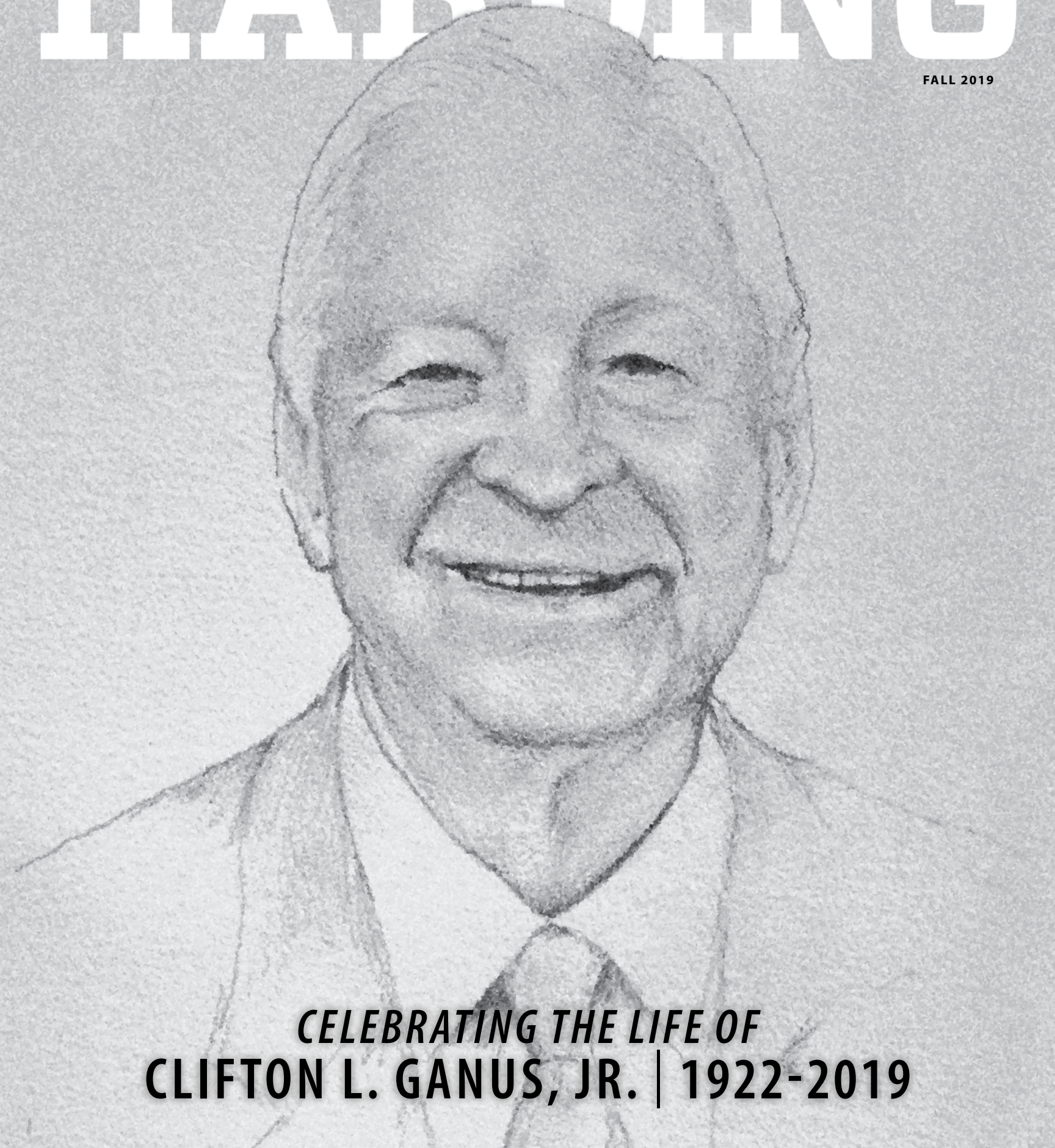
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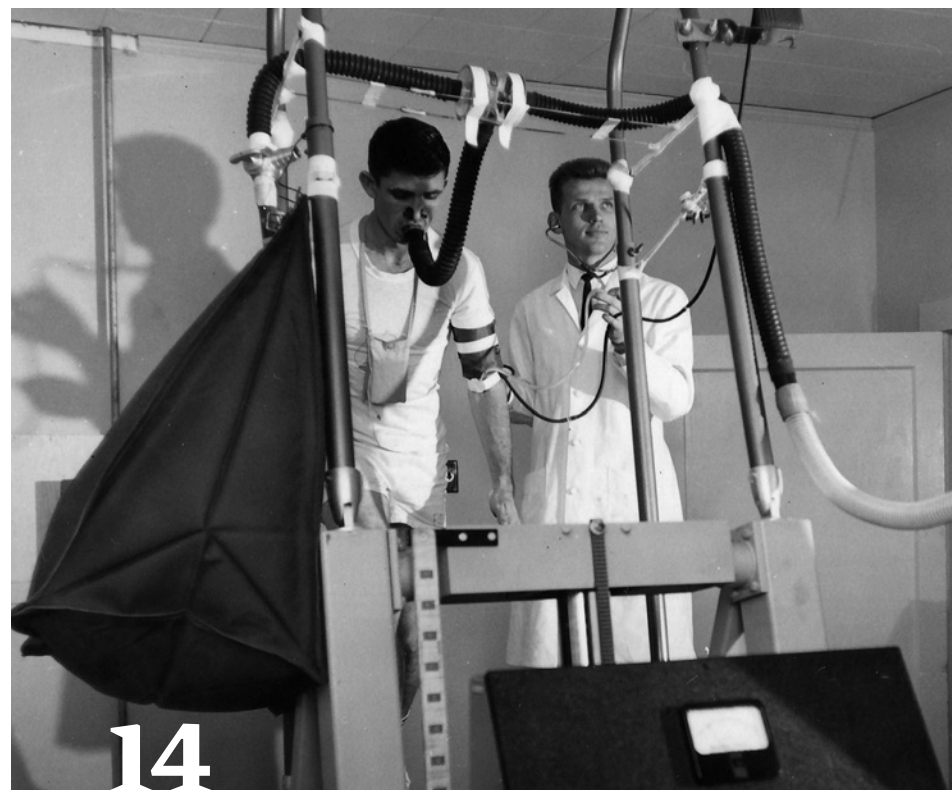
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Changing lives

By BRUCE D. McLARTY, *president*

“H E IS HOME.” With those words, Charles Ganus informed me that his father, Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., passed away surrounded by a host of family. While the entire Harding family feels a tremendous sense of loss, we also give thanks for the peace and rest that our beloved Dr. Ganus now knows.

It's impossible to think of Harding University without Dr. Ganus in the picture. That is why it is so difficult for us to imagine our future without his continuing to meet us on the sidewalk or to greet us in chapel every day. Since the time he arrived as a freshman in 1939, Dr. Ganus has been a living connection to almost all of Harding's 95-year history. His trademark smile and his joyous spirit were infectious. He was the president of Harding when I was a student here back in the 1970s. It was always comforting to the students when he was in chapel. We lived in awe of his faith, his wisdom, his love for us and his devotion to Harding. I distinctly remember the feeling that if Dr. Ganus was present, everything was going to be OK. Harding University has lost an incredible leader and a beloved icon.

Dr. Ganus would often tell us that J.N. Armstrong, Harding's first president, “gave the school its soul.” He would then say that Dr. George S. Benson, our second president, “put Harding on a solid financial foundation.” Today, we can clearly see that Dr. Ganus, our third president, took a promising Christian college in Searcy, Arkansas, and through his Christ-like strength, faithfulness, tenderness and love transformed it into the amazing university that we cherish so deeply.

Visit page 18 for more on the remarkable life and career of Dr. Ganus.

The University has been keenly touched by death this spring and summer. See page 6 for reflections from Dr. David Burks and Dr. Larry Long on the passing of another Harding icon, former provost and mathematics teacher Dr. Dean Priest. And on page 34, Dr. Donny Lee shares memories of his predecessor as the dean of the College of



Education, Dr. Tony Finley.

This issue of the magazine also looks back on something of which you might not be aware — Harding's role in the moon launch 50 years ago. Dr. Ed Wilson tells the story of Harding's participation in NASA research, which helped prepare astronauts for their mission to the moon.

Dr. Nathan Mellor ('95), president at Strata Leadership LLC, was our keynote speaker at our faculty and administrative conference prior to the start of school in August. A former SA president and assistant to Chancellor Burks, he shared stories about those who had changed his life, including Burks and Dr. Dee Carson, saying, “Your entire life can be changed by a conversation at the right time ... Words shape how we see ourselves, see one another.”

As we reflect on our beloved chancellor emeritus and on those who have gone before, we realize how their words have changed so many lives for the better.

May that continue this year in our community of mission. 🙏



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Social club season

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Dr. Jim Citty and other members of the 1959 Bison football team lead the brotherhood walk at the tailgate before the first home game against University of Arkansas at Monticello, won by the Bisons 24-0. Citty and his wife, Maralyn, are the 2019 Distinguished Alumni. For more on their award, see page 29.

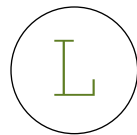
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DEAN PRIEST | 1939-2019

Model of excellence



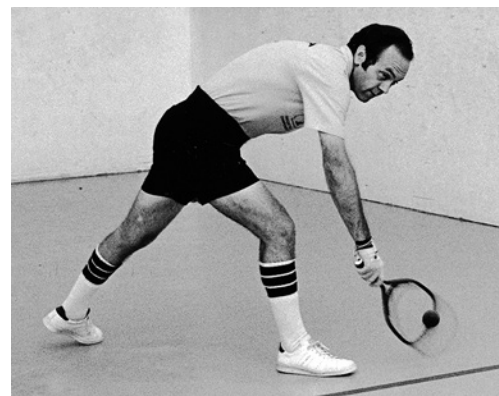
EAH AND I GOT TO KNOW Dean and Carolyn Priest as our next-door neighbors for 15 years. Our kids grew up together, and Dean and I visited often in our backyards as he worked in his garden. We were even able to eat the fruit of his labor.

I remember Dean's love of music and his beautiful voice as he often led singing at church and in chapel. I asked him to lead the Harding Alma Mater at my inauguration in 1987.

I also remember Dean as a giant in the classroom. He loved to teach calculus, and his students loved him. He used math as a tool to investigate God's universe, an art form in itself.

I asked Dean to become assistant vice president for academic affairs and later vice president for academic affairs because of his love of academics, his love of students, and his love for Harding. He loved teaching so much that it was a tough decision for him to accept this position. I remember calling on Paul Carter, a member of our board of trustees, to encourage him in making this decision. I really wanted someone in this role that both the faculty and I could trust. I had complete confidence in Dean's leadership ability, knowing that he would always put Harding faculty and students first in every decision.

Dean was a pioneer in developing new programs at Harding — the physician assistant program in particular. Because of my wife's illness and her association with a PA in Texas I had become aware of these medical profes-



sionals. I thought a PA program would be a good fit for Harding so I called Dr. Priest to talk about my idea and to ask him to research the program. I had no idea that he was ahead of me and was already researching the possibility of the University establishing a PA program. It became the first of several Allied Health programs at Harding.

While I view Dean Priest as a friend, a colleague, and truly a giant at Harding, perhaps his greatest legacy was his commitment to his family — all 66 of them. He loved them dearly and was devoted to them. What a reunion will take place one day in heaven, when all the Priest family gathers. What wonderful music the Priest family chorus will be able to make.

— David Burks, chancellor



ALTHOUGH MY FAITH ASSURES me that Dean is now with his heavenly Father and is freed from the difficulties he faced with his earthly body, I am

deeply saddened to know that he is gone from this life. I am left without a respected and beloved friend, colleague, role model and Christian brother.

No person helped me more to grow as an administrator and academic leader. Dean sought me out to serve as dean of the College of Arts and Humanities when it split from the College of Sciences and as associate vice president for academic affairs when he assumed the role as academic vice president. He mentored me as director and then as dean of Honors. He continued to guide and mentor me as an assistant vice president, and he encouraged me as a vice president and provost.

He personified and modeled excellence as a classroom teacher, receiving three Distinguished Teacher Awards to earn the rank of Distinguished Professor of Mathematics. I never sat in his classroom, but I did eavesdrop on sessions in the academic affairs office as he directed senior math students preparing for their seminars. He helped them grow and succeed, demanding excellence, encouraging and correcting, and he reveled in their successes.

When his students got articles published in professional journals, he rejoiced, even hosted lunches for them to be honored by faculty and other students.

Dean also modeled thoughtful, patient, servant leadership and gave me the confidence to grow on my own as a leader. Dean showed me how to lead graciously and gracefully, to believe in the good of others, and to move past the mistakes that we all make. Once, as we scurried to a meeting across campus, he stopped abruptly, turned to me, and said, "Remember that our only goal for this meeting is to help them make this program a success. Nothing else." In the midst of swirling issues and possible conflicts, Dean was all in to help someone else look good.

Most importantly he modeled spirituality in all he did, from how he acted in his office to how he created and led devotionals, to how he sought solitude at his farm, to how he prayed fervently before key or confrontational meetings. He lived his faith and, by doing so, challenged me to do the same. Like Joe Pryor, Jimmy Carr and Neale Pryor, Dean Priest made me a better person. For that I am eternally grateful.

— Larry Long, distinguished professor emeritus

Priest, 79, died April 17, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn Pogue ('58); five children, Theresa Long ('83), Cheryl Camp ('83), Matilda Baker ('85), Laurie Walker ('87) and Dean Jr. ('92); three siblings, Becky Pierce, Wayne and Marshall; 24 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. 📷



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MY VIEW

BOB CORBIN

Get astronaut fit

From 1966 to 1979, Harding faculty members aided NASA in research studies that examined physical fitness to prepare astronauts for space exploration (see page 14). Though these projects sought the ideal physical fitness of an astronaut for prolonged periods of time in space, the results are a road map to living a healthy and active lifestyle. Bob Corbin, director of testing during this research study, shared findings from the research and applied them to general fitness.

OUR BODIES ARE DESIGNED for physical activity. More than 600 muscles are attached to more than 200 bones. This relationship creates levers that give us mechanical advantage. Our body functions best when it is active. If

we don't exercise our muscles, they atrophy.

Physical fitness is made up of 11 different components: five are health related (cardiovascular, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition); and six are skill related (coordination, balance, agility, power, speed and reaction time). If we improve the skill-related

components, we will be better in sports and games, but we may or may not be healthier.

The five health-related components focus on making us healthier individuals.

1. **Cardiovascular Fitness** • Cardiovascular fitness is the ability of our body to take air into our lungs and extract the oxygen, which becomes attached to our red blood cells. These are pumped by our heart to our working muscles. We develop cardiovascular fitness by aerobic conditioning, which includes activities continuous in nature.
2. **Muscular Strength** • Strength underlies the development of skill and is the maximum amount of force your body can lift.
3. **Muscular Endurance** • Doing something over and over develops muscular endurance. We've got muscles; we need to exercise them.
4. **Flexibility** • Flexibility is related to posture. When joints are being used, muscles are causing these joints to be used and shorten as they work. If we don't re-lengthen muscles back out through a stretching program, they retain that shortened posture.
5. **Body Composition** • Our body is composed of lean and fat. Men need no more than 20% body fat, and women need no more than 30% body fat.

Child life degree earns endorsement

THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY and consumer sciences has earned academic endorsement by the Association of Child Life Professionals for its child life undergraduate degree program.

The endorsement, through 2024, makes Harding the only endorsed program in Arkansas and one of five in the nation.

The child life degree program prepares graduates to be child life specialists. Child life specialists are health care professionals highly trained in child development and psychosocial theories. They specialize in working with children, adolescents and family members in helping them cope with and understand stressful and traumatic situations. Child life specialists support patients and their families through developmentally appropriate education, preparation, play and distraction during procedures.

"The endorsement from the Association of Child Life Professionals allows incoming and current child life majors in the department to know that they are taking courses that meet the requirements necessary to sit for the Child Life Certification Exam," Brittany Blake, department chair and certified child life specialist, said. "I believe that having that assurance provides a huge value to our students, our program and the University as a whole."

The process to obtain endorsement is voluntary and involves a self-study and external review of the program intended to evaluate, enhance and publicly recognize academic programs that meet the standards prescribed by the ACLP. According to ACLP, the purpose of the process is to promote the interests of students by improving the quality of teaching, learning and professional practice.

Blake championed the process of applying for endorsement with the help of other faculty in the FCS department.

"It involved writing several narratives about the quality and unique aspects of our program and submitting specific documents that were required," Blake said.

The University has 86 students in the family and consumer sciences department this semester, Fall 2019, 22 of whom are child life majors.

EVENTS

NOV. 7

C-Harmony youth internship fair

College students and church ministers connect at this annual networking event to find potential summer internships in youth and children's ministry. harding.edu/career

NOV. 14-16

"Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley" theatre production

Jane Austen fans will love getting into the spirit of the season with this Pride and Prejudice sequel, where beloved characters gather to celebrate the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darcy. harding.edu/theatre

NOV. 25-29

Thanksgiving break

Midterms are long over, and finals loom ahead, but all welcome the weeklong pause to reflect and express gratitude for life's blessings, eat a lot of food, and answer some routine life update questions, too.

DEC. 2

Annual lighting ceremony

Campus comes to life and ushers in the holiday season with the lighting ceremony — complete with a Dr. McLarty countdown and free hot chocolate — on the Monday following Thanksgiving break. harding.edu/lights

DEC. 14



Commencement

Join with nearly 400 graduates as they commemorate years of hard work to earn bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral degrees. Crossing the stage puts these graduates one step closer to pursuing their mission and making a difference in their field. harding.edu/graduation

JAN. 13

Spring classes begin

For a complete list of events, visit harding.edu/calendar.

Graduate education opportunities expanding



THE UNIVERSITY IS OFFERING three distinct graduate opportunities for current and prospective students. The programs are available through the Graduate School of Business, the College of Allied Health, and the College of Pharmacy.

The Graduate School of Business has launched an online Master of Science in Information Systems and dual degree options for undergraduate students combining their BBA with an MSIS or Master of Business Administration beginning Fall 2019. The new dual degree programs allow students to earn a bachelor's degree in business and either an MBA or MSIS in five years or less.

The MSIS is offered alongside Harding's MBA, which was recognized as one of the best in the country in 2018 by BestColleges.com, a leading provider of higher education research and college planning resources.

"These MSIS and MBA programs are attractive to students who may have been in the workforce for a while and/or do not have an undergraduate degree in business," Dr. Allen Frazier, dean of the Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration, said. "The online nature of our programs, built according to Quality Matters standards, help to ensure the caliber of our programs as well as the convenience."

The College of Allied Health also will be offering a Master of Science in athletic training beginning Fall 2020. The program is designed to provide the essen-

tial knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary for successful careers and servant leadership within the field of athletic training. Students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in exercise science and an MSAT in five years.

"The new graduate program in athletic training will be distinctive in that it will focus on interprofessional collaboration, general medical knowledge, and cultural competence while maintaining a Christ-centered core," Brian Cox, director of the athletic training program, said. "Students will experience numerous clinical settings, including a six-week rotation in Florence, Italy, working with the Guelfi Firenze football team."

The third program being offered is the Early Assurance Program within the College of Pharmacy. The EAP is intended to assure qualified University undergraduate students a position in the Pharm.D. program after the successful completion of prerequisite courses and maintenance of certain academic criteria at the University. If admitted into the program, the student will also qualify for a significant scholarship for their first year.

"We are very proud of our Early Assurance Program and the success of our students that have participated to date," Jeff Mercer, dean of the College of Pharmacy, said. "It continues to grow and has become a preferred route for many of our highly motivated and well-qualified students who want a direct path to a career in pharmacy."

BY THE NUMBERS

HST LIBRARY

150,000+

Number of books on various subjects available in the Mid-South's largest theological library

1800s

Date of origin of some of the hundreds of hymnals and song books from the Stone Campbell Movement

600+

Digitized sermons from Harold Hazelip's time at Highland Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee

2003

Final year items were added to the paper card catalog

87

Combined years of service by Don and Evelyn Meredith, for whom the library archive is named

1578

Year the Geneva Bible on display was printed

4

Unique nonliterary items special to the library: Annie May Lewis' typewriter, Don Meredith's four-colored pen, Harold Hazelip's podium, and W.B. West's bookshelves

Tenth college established

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, a new academic unit of the University, was announced in May. The college houses several support services the University currently offers and also provides academically rigorous undergraduate degree and nondegree programming available to all University students.

The University College's mission is to promote the success of all students by providing comprehensive programs and services that advance academic achievement and personal development.


"The creation of the University College is the result of an initiative to address the changing needs of Harding students within the context of the evolving landscape of higher education. The curricular and cocurricular programs offered within the new college will strengthen our holistic approach to student success as we partner with students to develop and achieve Christ-centered goals and outcomes," Dr. Kevin Kehl, dean of the University College, said. "Similar to the way a University College functions at other institutions across this nation, the majors and programs offered through the UC at Harding will serve as resources to all students as well as to all of the other colleges on campus."



WHY HARDING Savannah Vaughn, a junior from Fayetteville, Arkansas, knew that Harding would be a good fit for her. “Harding has always been a place that I loved after attending Uplift on campus during the summer. When it came time to decide where I wanted to go to college, it was between Harding and the University of Arkansas in my hometown. After my three older brothers attended Harding and told me how much they enjoyed it, I decided Harding was my top option. I knew I wanted to go to a school with a Christian environment, and I knew Harding was a really good school where I could get a great education.”

CAREER PATH A cognitive neuroscience major, Vaughn says she first learned of the behavioral sciences program her freshman year. “I was considering studying psychology alongside the pre-physician assistant program. However, after talking with one of the professors, I learned about cognitive neuroscience. I have always been fascinated with the human body and how it works, so choosing a career path in medicine has always been what I wanted to do. I want to be able to help people with their physical needs and mental health, but most importantly I want to help them with their spiritual needs, too.”

INVOLVEMENT A member of Zeta Rho social club and a Women for Harding scholarship recipient, Vaughn says it’s the relationships that stand out the most. “One of my favorite things about Harding is the numerous ways students can get involved and form relationships. I have been blessed to be a part of Zeta Rho. When I pledged my sophomore year, I gained a group of sisters. Zeta Rho is a place where I can have fun and always feel loved. I am also a part of Women for Harding, which is a group of people who have been so supportive of me and my time throughout college. They have always been there for me whenever I’ve been down or needed anything.”

CAMARADERIE “Harding is special. Not only does the Christian environment bring people together, but it’s also a place where I feel like I can be whoever I want to be. I never feel like I am not important, especially when it comes to academics. Every professor I have had always helped me, no matter the circumstances. You can’t find that at many other colleges.”  — Katie Clement

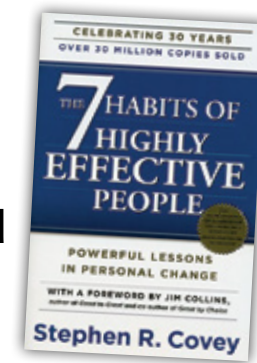


Everyday STUDENT

JUNIOR SAVANNAH VAUGHN IS CONFIDENT
HER COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE MAJOR WILL
PREPARE HER FOR GRAD SCHOOL

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Harding Read focuses on leadership



PRESIDENT BRUCE McLARTY SELECTED *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen R. Covey as the 2019-20 Harding Read. For the fourth campus-wide read, McLarty wanted to do something different, reaching outside the pattern of biographies to a topic he felt was already being discussed on campus — leadership.

“The Harding Read has been an adventure every year,” McLarty said. “For me it was taking a read of the campus, what is it that’s being talked about, what are the things that I hear, and what things would I like to introduce to this campus.”

After focusing on the lives of William Wilberforce and Corrie ten Boom through their biographies and the life of C.S. Lewis through his own writings, McLarty knew he wanted the next Harding Read to come from a different field of literature, and he wanted it to be about leadership.

“I believe that all Harding students are, by nature, leaders,” McLarty said. “I think by being a part of a campus where this is the campus read, and we are talking about it all year long, a lot of leaders and a lot of people who don’t yet perceive themselves as leaders will be thinking consciously about how these things make you a better leader.”

After beginning his search with this book, published in 1989, McLarty read a number of other more recent leadership books, but he always came back to this one.

“This book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, is the single most influential, non-Biblical leadership book of my life,” McLarty said. “I’m convinced there is so much of the language of leadership we use today that came from this book, even if people don’t know where the language came from. I’m thrilled that a new generation is going to discover *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*.”

The principles laid out by Covey not only have helped McLarty grow as a leader since he first read the book in 1989, but he said it speaks, even as a secular book, to Christian principles.

“I think, for believers, we read this, and see every habit is rooted in Scripture,” McLarty said. “Every page has something where you are reminded of something Jesus said or that Paul wrote or that is in Proverbs, because this is solid wisdom about leadership in life. I think these things make you a better person, but I think they are all things that make you a stronger leader.”



NEWSMAKERS

CHURCH RELATIONS

Sherrie McAleese was appointed assistant to the vice president in June 2019. She previously served as the administrative assistant to the dean of pharmacy.

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Dr. Ruth Ann Mathis was named director of clinical education for physical therapy in May. She previously served as assistant director of clinical education.

Dr. Kevin Ramey has been appointed the physical therapy program director, a role previously held by **Dr. Mike McGalliard**, who is now dean of the College of Allied Health. Ramey was previously director of clinical education.

Dr. Cody Sipe, associate professor and director of clinical research in the physical therapy program, was appointed chair of the Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Jan Traugher successfully defended her dissertation at Nova Southeastern University and has earned her Ed.D. in speech-language pathology supervision. The title of her dissertation is “The Effects of Video Recorded Simulation Training and In-Vivi Simulation Training in a Learner’s Anxiety Level and Ability to Conduct Simulated Infant Feeding Evaluations.”

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY

Lee Edwards successfully defended his dissertation and has earned his Ph.D. in heritage studies from Arkansas State University. The title of his dissertation is “Jesus, Popular Culture, and Politics of the Margins.”

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Reet Cronk, information systems department chair, was appointed to sit on the data and transparency panel within the Arkansas Department of Information Systems.

Dr. David Johnson was named chair of finance in August 2019. Johnson has more than 25 years of teaching experience and returned to Harding from Faulkner University.

Dr. Jon Wood has been appointed director of the Waldron Center for Entrepreneurship and Family Business. He has served as an assistant professor for the College of Business Administration since January.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. Darren Matthews became director of the Master of Arts in Teaching program in July 2019. He previously served as high school principal at Harding Academy.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Brittany Blake was named chair of family and consumer sciences in June 2019. She holds the Certified Child Life Specialist certification from the Association of Child Life Professionals. Blake fills the role previously held by **Dr. Denise Fisher** who returned to full-time teaching.

DISABILITY SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

Bridget Smith has been named director of disability services and educational access. She previously served as a teacher at The Sunshine School in Searcy.

FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

Faculty members **Jenene Alexander**, **Chuck Hicks**, **Mary Madill**, **Frank McCown**, **Peter Rice**, **Jonathan Singleton**, **John Stone**, **Debbie Waggoner** and **Jonathan White** are the 2018-19 Teacher Achievement Award recipients. Staff members **Donna Brown**, **Kevin Davis**, **J Lemmons**, **Nathan Looney**, **Ashley Lynn**, **John Noah**, **Carl Walker** and **Sharon Williams** received the 2018-19 Distinguished Service Award.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Audra Pleasant began serving as executive director of international programs Aug. 1, 2019, following the retirement of **Dr. Jeff Hopper**. Pleasant previously served as logistics administrator.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Shelbi Bridges joined the office as director of Generation HU, **Teresa Castleman** was named director of the Abundant Living program, and **Cherisse Gregory** was appointed Harding fund director.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Caitlin Denton was appointed assistant director for first year experience and students-in-transitions programs. **Abbey Watson** filled her previous role as the communication and events coordinator.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Megan Stroud joined the office in June 2019 as the digital media coordinator, and **Katie Clement** was named manager of news services in July 2019.



Record-setting runner

By SCOTT GOODE, assistant athletic director for sports information

IN MAY 2019, the United States Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association inducted Daniel Kirwa ('11), one of the most successful distance runners at Harding, into its Division II Track and Field Hall of Fame.

"I was so excited," Kirwa says of hearing the news of his induction. "I was not expecting it, and all of a sudden I got the news. It was amazing."

The Eldoret, Kenya, native racked up 13 All-American honors, five indoor and eight outdoor, and four individual national championships during his time with the program.

Growing up in Kenya, Kirwa ran with a running club that did monthly time trials. His coaches posted times on the internet for American college coaches to see. Kirwa's times were good, and he knew about Harding because two friends, Julius Kosgei ('09) and James Cheruiyot ('10), were already here.

Kirwa wanted to attend a Christian univer-

sity. "Harding was the perfect one, and everything worked out," he says.

"We found out very quickly that he was really good. He redshirted his freshman year, and the first season he competed he won his indoor national championship," says former head track coach Steve Guymon.

Kirwa's national titles came during the 2008 indoor and outdoor and 2009 outdoor seasons. He started the 2008 season with a national championship in the mile along with a third-place finish in the 5,000 and followed it up with a 10,000-meter title at the outdoor meet along with a second overall finish in the 5,000.

The 2009 outdoor season was a perfect one for Kirwa as he went 6-for-6 in his races, which included national titles in both the 5,000 and 10,000 in San Angelo, Texas. His 20 points was good enough to push Harding into the No. 13 place overall.

"It was very difficult," Kirwa says of winning both national championships at the same meet.

The feat included running three races in three days. He won the 10,000 on Thursday and ran the 5,000 meters twice, once in the prelims Friday and again in the finals Saturday.

"Coach Guymon was amazing," Kirwa says. "He prepared me. I had my teammates pushing me to my limits. I was very focused, but it was a team effort. Everyone really helped me a lot."

Kirwa, a 2017 Harding Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, ended his career with the school records in the outdoor 5,000 (13:58.86) and 10,000 (28:36.23) and the indoor 1,500 (3:48.02) and 5,000 (14:03.35). He also sits top five in program history in the indoor 800 and mile.

"It was such an honor to get to nationals and perform well and represent Harding at the highest levels," Kirwa says.

Kirwa is just the second athlete in program history to be enshrined into the USTFCCA NCAA DII Track & Field Athlete Hall of Fame, joining Janet Cherebon-Bawcom ('05).

"Daniel is so friendly and so talented, and

everyone was in such awe of his talent, it inspired our other athletes to do the best they could do," Guymon says. "Watching Daniel run was amazing. He was so powerful and gained so much ground with each stride."



KIRWA PHOTO BY DAVID CROUCH, CLARK PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Kirwa, now a medic in the United States Air Force stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, continued his racing career after graduation. In 2012, he won half marathons in Germantown, Tennessee; St. Louis; and Knoxville, Tennessee. He won the Germantown Half Marathon again in 2015 and the 2018 Air Force Half Marathon in Dayton, Ohio. He has no plans of stopping. 🏃

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BY THE NUMBERS



Will Clark

0.00 Home ERA for baseball's All-Central Region honoree Ryder Yakel, who pitched 26 1/3 innings at Jerry Moore Field without allowing an earned run. He was 2-0 with three saves, 26 strikeouts and only six walks.

4 Number of times men's Berryhill Award-winner Bryce Bray earned first team All-Great American Conference honors, becoming only the fourth Bison football player to earn the distinction all four seasons.

2 Number of All-American honors and GAC Player of the Year awards won by women's Berryhill Award co-winner Zoe Hardin of the volleyball team.

31 Number of career home runs in softball by women's Berryhill Award co-winner Peyton Mills, who holds the school record.

87 Birdies by Ryan Camras, the most ever in a season by a Harding freshman. Camras tied for fifth at the GAC Championship and became the third Bison golfer ever to qualify for the Central/Midwest Region Tournament.

4.5151 The school record setting par 4 average by senior Brooklyn Terry in 2018-

19. She was also fourth all-time in par 3 scoring and seventh in par 5 scoring.

12 Number of saves by softball pitcher Emma Dwyer during the 2019 season, leading NCAA Division II and setting a school record.

3 Number of times in program history Bison tennis has finished the season ranked in the nation's top 50. The team ranked No. 42 in Division II in 2019.

8 Ranking of the women's doubles team of Arisa Takanashi and Rylie Cox in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. The duo earned All-American honors and were Harding's first nationally ranked doubles team since 1995.

174-4 The winning javelin throw for Will Clark, who repeated as the GAC champion in 2019. He is the first Harding athlete to win a javelin conference championship in consecutive seasons.

6 Number of conference championships won by women's track, who scored 213 points at the GAC meet. It was the third conference title for the Lady Bisons in the last four seasons.

Hood named cross-country and track head coach

DON HOOD, FORMERLY THE HEAD men's and women's cross-country and track and field coach at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, is the new head cross-country and track and field coach for the University.



He fills the position formerly held by Steve Guymon, who now coaches at Ouachita Baptist University after 17 seasons at Harding.

"Coach Hood has experienced success across every level of the NCAA and at the high school level in Texas," athletic director Jeff Morgan said. "Even more important than the success on the track, coach Hood brings a deep desire to make a positive impact on our student-athletes both spiritually and in the classroom."

A native of Abilene, Texas,

Hood coached at LeTourneau for the last two seasons, helping start the program in January 2018. Before LeTourneau, he served as head coach at Brownwood (Texas) High School and Abilene Christian University, where he led the Wildcat men's program to three straight NCAA Division II outdoor national championships (2006-08) and directed the women's program to the 2008 outdoor national title.

Prior to his time at ACU, Hood served as an assistant to Wes Kittley at Texas Tech as well as holding positions at Texas State, Sam Houston State University and Temple (Texas) High School.

He earned his master's at the United States Sports Academy in 1988. "Words can't describe how excited I am about this," Hood said. "Harding is a school that I have known about my whole life and admired my whole life. Even when I was in junior high and high school, I heard about Coach Ted Lloyd and Harding and its track and field and cross-country teams."

Hood has hired Jessica Withrow as an assistant coach for multi-event athletes, hurdlers and high jumpers. A 2010 graduate of ACU, she comes from Brownwood (Texas) High School where she was the school's head track and volleyball coach.

Hood's staff also includes second-year assistant and throws coach Josh Syrotchen.



OUT OF THIS WORLD

HARDING'S CONTRIBUTION TO LANDING A MAN ON THE MOON

By ED WILSON, *professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry*

Taken from the Apollo 11 spacecraft, the Earth rises over the moon's horizon.
The lunar terrain pictured is in the area of Smyth's Sea on the nearside.

PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA

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here have been many great explorations during the course of history: Siberians crossing the Bering Land Bridge to settle the Americas, Abraham's trek to the Promised Land, Marco Polo's trip to China, Magellan's great voyage

around the world, Columbus' discovery of the New World, David Livingstone's trek to the head waters of the Nile, Lewis and Clark's search for the Northwest Passage and Roald Amundsen's venture to the South Pole. There are many tales of amazing travels to be told, but I think all of us would agree that landing a man on the moon is a historic event like no other.

It is a matter of pride for me to know that Harding University contributed in a significant way, as did many, many people, toward meeting the goal of placing a man on the moon. Few people know about the connection between what was then Harding College and NASA and how research done by University faculty and students helped to meet that goal.

Preparation for this important venture at Harding College began long before May 25, 1961, when President Kennedy announced, "... We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard ..."

THE PROPOSAL TO NASA

In 1966, the University had just completed a research grant that funded physical fitness tests for children. Three University faculty members, Vice President of Research R.T. Clark ('39), Director of Testing Bob Corbin, and Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Harry Olree ('53), submitted a proposal to NASA for Harding to evaluate astronauts in preparation for space flights.

NASA responded to the proposal and promised to let them know of their decision whether to fund. While the team was waiting for direction, tragedy struck.

In July of 1966, Clark was running with some of the cross-country team north of Searcy and collapsed. He was rushed to the hospital where he died from a heart attack. This placed the research program in a dire situation. The Harding program that was developing so well instantaneously had no leader and no plans. At the time, the research team consisted of Olree as director of research, Director of Biochemistry Carroll Smith, and Corbin. The team called a contact at NASA Houston Space Center to inquire about the status of the proposal and eventually secured funding beginning fall 1967.

The initial grant was for two years and detailed four experiments to be done. At the end of the two-year grant, NASA asked Harding to continue the research for another year. This lasted for an additional 10 years until 1979 when NASA changed its emphasis from long-term flights for astronauts to requirements needed for the shorter duration flights of the space shuttle.

THE PERFORMANCE PHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY

Harding College had built a new science building, which opened in 1967. When the new building was dedicated, the research wing was named the Robert T. Clark Research Center. The new facility had a special room in which not only the temperature could be controlled but also humidity and pressure. Human subjects could be studied under different conditions that might be encountered on a space mission. There was a complete blood laboratory for use when testing the subjects involved in the NASA studies. This also was used to find if there was a simple blood test that could determine a person's fitness level. Another device known as "The Tank" consisted of a set of scales large enough to seat a human being and obtain their weight before and after complete submersion in a large tank of water in order to estimate their body fat. Ancillary equipment for this measurement was used to estimate the volume of the lungs so that a correction could be applied to the measurements for the empty space in the lungs.

Later on, a special mass spectrometer was added to measure lung gases being expelled while exercising on the treadmill. All kinds of exercise machines were in the laboratory — mainly bicycles and resistance machines.

The majority of the research was done on subjects using a special treadmill. It was huge, weighing more than a ton, with large motors to precisely move the tread at specific angles and speeds. The method used was originally known as the Balke Treadmill Test. This test measured the consumption of oxygen by the body for one minute while the subject's heart rate had been increased to 180 beats per minute. The researchers realized that if you measured the oxygen uptake in milliliters per minute and then divided by the human subject's mass, the data suddenly made sense.

THE RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Harding research team carried out 28 experiments during the 12 years of operation. Each experiment had 20 volunteers, and the team was told to focus on the effects of long-term space flights for the Apollo and Skylab programs. The Harding studies were an extension of the work at Johnson Space Flight Center's Physiology Laboratory. The research team of Olree, Corbin and Smith worked closely with some of the astronauts on various projects. The astronaut everyone remembers is Dr. Story Musgrave. Corbin said that he could always tell when Story was coming to Searcy because he could hear the putter-putt-putt of the engine of his vintage plane coming over the campus on its way to the airfield. Musgrave has spent more time in space than almost any astronaut, been on numerous missions, and was a key player in the repair of the Hubble Telescope.

"My adventures at Harding College create a smile today even though they took place almost 50 years ago. Folks from the Physiology Laboratory at Harding and myself explored what was known about the physiological effects of spaceflight — in particular those attributable to the free fall or zero-g environment," Musgrave said. "Back then, NASA wanted no changes at all, but we went beyond that to explore all the possible outcomes and how we might affect

them with a variety of physical inflight exercise devices that we imagined. It was a wonderful opportunity to, as they say, get out of the box and explore the possibilities for the consequences of short- and long-term human spaceflight and how to manage them. For that rare opportunity, I shall be forever appreciative."

REPORTING OUR FINDINGS

The first report from Harding College was titled "Methods for Achieving and Maintaining Physical Fitness for Prolonged Space Flight," and those first experiments were baseline experiments to determine how to evaluate and attain physical fitness. They compared exercise by bicycle and running, carrying out exercise at different heart rates (140, 160 and 180), training different amounts of time (20, 40 and 60 minutes), training more or less often (3, 6 or 12 times a week), and finally training to near exhaustion — fitter than normal training. Another interesting study was about deconditioning, and Corbin stated that it takes about six weeks to get into good condition and about six weeks to lose it.

Some of the other studies made findings using other types of exercise devices. One study was "Effects of Bed Rest, Sleep Deprivation and Discontinuance of Training on the Physical Fitness of Highly Trained Young Men." The model for zero gravitation studies was total bed rest, and some Harding students spent a month in bed for the studies in order to learn more about the effects of long-term space missions on the human body.

When the women's rights movement began to take effect, NASA followed suit with research on the "Study of Optimal Training Protocols and Devices for Developing and Maintaining Physical Fitness in Females Prior to and During Space Flight." This was probably one of the first times that research was done on female subjects in physical fitness.

At the end of this period in 1977, work at Harding ceased on the project. NASA was more focused on short-term space missions, like the space shuttle. The Harding researchers decided to look to other ways to spend their academic time. A glorious period had been spent on physical fitness research, and the nation benefited from the results obtained by these benchmark studies.

LEGACY

It has been 52 years since the NASA sponsored research program in performance physiology began at Harding University. Dr. R.T. Clark and Dr. Carroll Smith have passed on. Dr. Harry Olree and Mr. Bob Corbin are retired after distinguished and productive careers in both education and in work of the church. It is good that we honor all four of these men as representatives of Harding University for all the faculty. They came not to gain wealth but to join in a dream of Christian education for all who desired to make their lives and the lives they came in contact with better, richer and fuller.

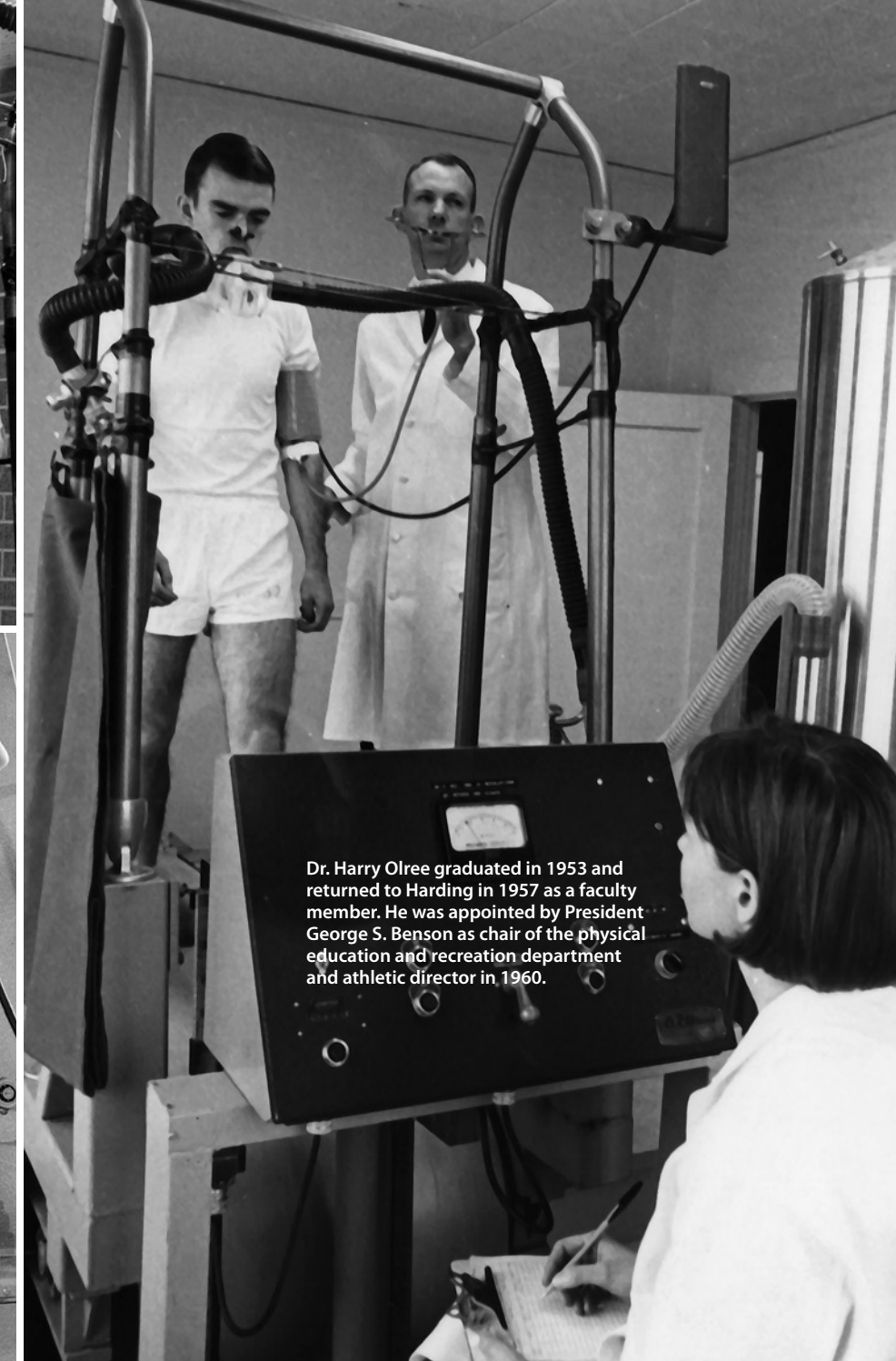
Olree and Corbin took the lessons learned from the physical fitness research and created a health course for all Harding students in order to teach the principles they worked to develop. Olree and



Because of his previous research with Dr. R.T. Clark in space medicine at the Federal Aviation Agency, Bob Corbin came to Harding in 1964 to work with Harding's research team.



1939 graduate Dr. R.T. Clark returned in 1962 following research and professional experience in the Navy Reserve, the U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, and the Federal Aviation Agency, among other prominent positions.



Dr. Harry Olree graduated in 1953 and returned to Harding in 1957 as a faculty member. He was appointed by President George S. Benson as chair of the physical education and recreation department and athletic director in 1960.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING FILE PHOTOS

Corbin were also important members of the American College of Sports Medicine, which was first located on this campus.

Smith and Olree became church elders, and Corbin took many student groups to the mission field all over the world in short-term outreach visits for College Church of Christ. In 1978, Corbin was picked by Arkansas Gov. David Pryor to be the chairman of the Governor's Council of Physical Fitness and Sports. He was also chosen by Republic National Life Insurance Co. to be their spokesman for physical fitness to their sales personnel.

Smith engaged and nurtured many students as an elder, teacher and avid cave explorer. His family still owns Alexander Cave in northern Arkansas. The family bought the cave, then sold it, and then

purchased it again to protect this wild cave from being vandalized by careless explorers. Smith established a Spelunker's Club at Harding and took many students on caving trips. He never lost his enthusiasm for spelunking and researching diets and diet supplements.

Clark, as far as we humans think, was one of the most knowledgeable men in his day on human physiology as it applied to airmen and astronauts. He was in the epicenter of all the activity in the nation as America raced to the moon. He was a great Christian man, teacher and researcher. He was an avid runner, and it is estimated that he ran more 30,000 miles during his lifetime. His knowledge, personality and connections were the catalysts that made it possible to have obtained the NASA grants. 🏠

CELEBRATING A GIANT

By JANTZEN HALEY

“**W**here else would I go? If I am not at Harding, I will be in heaven,” Dr. Clifton Loyd Ganus, Jr. said in a 2004 *Petit Jean* interview.

The beloved icon, whose association with Harding spanned more than seven decades in the roles of student, faculty, dean, vice president, president, chancellor and chancellor emeritus, died in Searcy Sept. 9.

More than 1,000 family, friends, colleagues, student-athletes, and others impacted by Dr. Ganus gathered in Benson Auditorium — a building constructed during his presidency — at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 to celebrate the life of the 97-year-old Harding giant. Truly, a giant had fallen.

In addition to those gathered in the Benson, people across the world were able to join the celebration of life service via livestream, with representation from the Bahamas, Uganda, United Kingdom, Poland, Spain, Czech Republic, Mexico, Costa Rica and Turkey.

Ganus' youngest son, Charles ('76), began the service saying, “Dad’s life was molded at Harding,” and, “He would be the first to tell you that he was the one blessed to work at Harding University with talented and

wonderful colleagues and to work with talented, engaging students.”

Sentiments such as these continued throughout the hour-long service — a request of the man himself that his family honored by keeping time with his watch sitting on the podium, an act that Ganus would do each time he gave a speech.

“His watch is on the podium,” Charles said. “Let’s begin.”

With that, Dr. David B. Burks, Ganus’ presidential successor and current University chancellor, led a prayer, summing up the life and influence of Ganus with these words, “Brother Ganus demonstrated to us the value of making memories, not just money, focusing on family, not fame, and building up a storehouse of eternal wealth that can never be depleted. He demonstrated for us character, perseverance, faith and integrity in everything he pursued.”

CLIFTON L. GANUS, JR. | 1922-2019



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He could laugh at himself. While fishing in Alaska, he stayed with us in our small camper. We marveled at a man of his importance sitting in his pajamas eating breakfast with two former students.

CONNIE WEBB ('68)

Dr. Ganus — one of my heroes of faith. This man was a Jesus follower first. He also was an inspirational leader and humble servant while experiencing great success, generous with his kindness and his money. He went to bat for kingdom work in Uganda like no other, and we were blessed with his presence there several times. Directly related to our work, the Source Café couldn't have happened without his time, interest and generosity. In the middle of so much change he experienced in his lifetime, he was a model for loving and serving all, especially when all didn't agree — a rare thing in our world today. Dr. Ganus indeed played a great game of life, and I — and this world — am so much better for it.

CLINT DAVIS ('93)

Anchors Aweigh, Dr. Ganus ... #SubT16

DEREK GLOVER ('09)
Sept. 9 Facebook post

Ganus' eldest son, Cliff ('66), spoke next, reading the obituary and garnering laughter as he shared the story of his parents' courtship and marriage. "He promised his dad that he would not get married until he graduated, so he didn't. He waited an hour and a half after graduating. He likes to report that he got his bachelor's degree and lost it on the same day." Taking on a more serious tone, Cliff said, "Within three months of his arrival on the campus, dad had found a wife, he had found a calling, and he had found an institution."

He then played a clip from a recording Ganus made during Christmas break of his freshman year, in which he sings the alma mater. Following the song, Ganus says, "Folks, this song may not mean so much to you, but if you have been going to Harding College, even for three months, it would mean more than just a mere song. To me it is the lifeblood of the school, something great and grand and glorious, something to be treasured and cherished for all your life."

He spent his life doing just that and more. Cliff described Ganus' 54-year tenure as an elder at College Church of Christ, his 70-year membership in the Lions Club, and some of his many adventures.

"He climbed the Great Pyramid. He walked on the Great Wall, and he rode the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Four times he traveled 700 miles down the Mississippi River to New Orleans in an 18-foot runabout boat."

Ganus was an avid booster of Bison athletics, and Cliff surmised, "Some believed that his faculty hiring decisions were at least slightly influenced by the potential of strengthening the faculty ragtag team, which he quarterbacked." Cliff also gave nod to the student-athletes who, wearing jerseys representing their sports, filled an entire section of the Benson during the service.

In closing, Cliff said, "Known as PawPaw to his family, he leaves behind his beloved wife of 76 years, three children, 10 grandchildren, 18 and two-thirds great-grandchildren, and a host of others who looked to him for support, guidance and inspiration."

Each of the 10 grandchildren were given an opportunity to speak,

Very few things in my life have been more humbling than feeling the presence of Dr. Ganus and knowing how much he loved the young men that played for the Bisons. He loved us so well! What an incredible, incredible ambassador for the Lord this giant of a man was. In one of our very last conversations, he sat in his wheelchair in the Huckeba Fieldhouse and watched young Ben Chism run with joy across the new turf. Dr. Ganus longingly said, 'What I would give to be able to run like that again.' I am confident that Dr. Ganus is running today like he has never run before. Praise God for the great victory, what a celebration must be going on in heaven today! Dr. G, we love you so much and can't wait to see you again!!

PAUL SIMMONS ('95)

Bisons head football coach,
Sept. 10 Facebook post

A gentle, Christian giant walked among us, touching lives in positive ways. A servant of Christ and humanity. He met me in the Bahamas at the Caribbean Lectureship, which he attended regularly. He made it possible for me to attend Harding and was always there for me and my family.

DAVID HENRY ('93)



1939

Enrolled at Harding as a freshman and majored in Bible and history. The college had 400 students and four buildings on a 20-acre campus

GANUS' HARDING YEARS

1941

Served as vice president of the sophomore class



1942

Became editor-in-chief for the 1942-1943 *Petit Jean* yearbook



1943

On May 27, graduated from Harding in the morning and married Louise Nicholas ('42) in the afternoon



1946



Returned to Harding as a professor of history after earning his master's from Tulane University

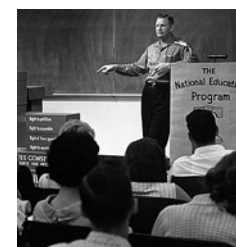
1951



Became chair of the history department

1952

Became dean of the School of American Studies



1953



Earned a Ph.D. from Tulane

1956

Named Harding's vice president



1957



Along with Dr. Joe Pryor and M.E. Berryhill, supported the resumption of intercollegiate athletics at Harding

1965

Inaugurated as Harding's third president Nov. 18; began "Decade of Development" outlined in his speech



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and Cliff's children came to the podium as he finished. His son Bill ('04) summarized, "PawPaw showed us that a life of dedication and a focus of intentionality wasn't just impactful, that it was supposed to be fun ... It just seemed supernatural that he would have such a force on so many people's lives. He inspires us to say yes to unknown opportunities and to live on purpose."

Ganus' middle child and only daughter, Debbie Duke ('72), began her time by saying, "My dad was one person through and through," followed by descriptions and stories of some of the "constants" in his life, starting with the example of the result of determination, stamina and hard work set by his father and grandfather.

She accompanied this constant with a story of Ganus' commitment to keeping his physical strength. "This man, for years, rode his exercise bike for 30 to 45 minutes each night and lifted weights. I'm talking into his 90s he was doing this ... When I expected Dad to say 'that's enough,' this 97-year-old man fighting for his strength and fighting for his life pulled his shoulders up and said, 'what's next?'"

Debbie said another constant was Harding. "Harding was in Mom and Dad's family before we were, and we knew our place. Harding was like a sibling to us." Harding remained a cherished part of



Ganus' life. During his last months, he still desired to be on campus. Debbie shared of a late-night stroll across a quiet campus this past summer, Ganus in his wheelchair and hospital gown, covered by a blanket, "the sidewalks full of memories of students, faculty and staff."

"One more constant was his love for God and for the kingdom," Debbie said. "I never heard him pray for his own healing, but I heard him pray for the kingdom ... He wanted to see God and to truly know Jesus face to face. That was his goal in life."

Charles' son, Kevin ('11) spoke next, listing his grandfather's strengths but following with, "Those strengths didn't make him who he was. When I remember my grandfather, I remember how kind he was, how gentle he was, how humble he was. I'll remember how he loved my grandmother. I'll remember how he loved people so well, including all of us sitting in this room ... And most importantly, I'll remember how my grandfather served the Lord with fierce authenticity."

Current University President Bruce McLarty followed, saying, "He was the greatest fan that perhaps any university has ever known. He was the best salesman that any Lions Club anywhere in the world will ever have ... Dr. Ganus was a man of strong convictions, and those convictions were anchored in loving God with all that he was and all that he had. I learned from Dr. Ganus that a godly leader starts with love and

One of my vivid memories is of Dr. Ganus playing softball in the faculty-student intramural games with his white T-shirt and his old-fashioned ball glove. We loved being out there with him. I also remember how he would take a chapel period, from time to time, to tell stories of Harding people long past — he brought the heritage alive! More recently I would run into him during my yearly trips to Uganda. I'd show up in Jinja feeling like I'd accomplished something, and there he'd be, 90 years old and still traveling to Africa. What an amazing man and servant of the kingdom!

GARY SELBY ('80)

Dr. Ganus was a remarkable man. He possessed a unique combination of humility, confidence, optimism, graciousness, wisdom, joy and vision ... all informed by the spirit of Jesus. The result was an incredible life that touched and inspired thousands of lives ... including mine.

RANDY LILLARD ('74)

He is the iconic image I have of leadership, kindness and stability, indicative of Harding. He left a majestic imprint in the landscape that will always be Harding for me.

KENDRA JOHNSON ('80)

keeps the main thing the main thing."

McLarty shared about Ganus as a leader and how he was struck as a freshman in 1975 of the immediate pervasive sense of mission on campus — a feeling made possible by the school's leader at the time, President Ganus. McLarty referenced James chapter one as he continued.

"[Ganus] was typically slow to speak and often listened for a long time," McLarty said. "However, when he did speak, people listened. There was weight to what he said because of the way that he lived his life and the way he measured his words. He was a voice of great wisdom in our lives."

With that, Charles returned to the podium to share stories of Ganus' life that many people would not know, starting with a moment not long into his time as a faculty member when he contemplated returning to New Orleans to run the Ganus family business.

"Grandad told him to stay at Harding," Charles said. "'What you are doing is more important than the food service business.' I love this story. It is so powerful to me. Grandad had the foresight to understand Dad's talents and the potential he had at Harding to impact numerous lives and be a positive force for the Lord."

Charles then spoke of the last few months as Ganus' health was declining, and he specifically spoke of June 16 — Father's Day. He said the night before had been rough, and he could tell something had shifted. Ganus knew his time was nearing the end and asked Charles if his phone would record.

"Then began a nine-minute statement from his heart of last words to his family and words of prayer to God. His focus was on God, the kingdom and family. He spoke first about Mom — 'I've loved her from the beginning and always will.'"

What followed was a direct quote from that Father's Day recording, "It's Father's Day. I loved my earthly father and mother very much. Moreover, I love my God with all of my heart, mind and soul and tried to live according to his will. He has blessed me so much and gave me many, many years in which to serve him in an earthly way. I hope I have done so in a pleasing way."

One year ago, I saw Dr. Ganus and asked him if he had any more big trips planned. He said yes, so I asked where he was going. Dr. Ganus smiled and said, 'Heaven.' Well, I know he arrived.

RON COPELAND
(former faculty/staff)

When I was a freshman attending chapel in the administration building (slightly before Benson Auditorium was built, and we had first and second chapel), most freshmen were assigned to the balcony. Dr. Ganus called me out for reading the newspaper during chapel service — it was Friday before a home football game, and I was a Bison football player wearing my jersey that day. At the conclusion of chapel, Dr. Ganus said (publicly), "Number 54, come and see me as soon as we dismiss." I was at the foot of the stage within 30 seconds and scared to death. He let me down easy, but it was a lesson of accountability I remember to this very day, and I'm 60 years old now. I thank God for the Harding influence in my life, personified by Dr. Ganus, a truly great man.

KEVIN STAMP ('83)

1966



Oversaw the building of Pryor-England Science Building and Keller Hall

1967

Made a trip to the Far East to participate in a lectureship at Ibaraki Christian College in Japan. Also, enrollment increased by 50% in his third year of presidency.

1969

Completed the first phase of the "Decade of Development" with the construction of the art center; Also dedicated the Claud Rogers Lee music center

1970

Spent three weeks of the summer on an educational tour through the Iron Curtain Countries studying culture with his wife and two of his children

1972

Honored as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year



1974

Continued "Decade of Development" with the extension of the Bible building, construction of a new women's dorm and 60 married student apartments

1975



Achieved record fall undergraduate enrollment at 2,601

1977



Co-chaired fundraising of \$2 million for expansion of Harding Graduate School of Religion

1978

Raised final funds for the \$2.6 million George S. Benson Auditorium; also, traveled to Pakistan and the People's Republic of China to tour and study educational systems, economy and culture

1979

Declared Harding College as Harding University with the signing of a proclamation on Aug. 27; also buried a time capsule to be opened in 2024 as part of the centennial celebration



1980

Raised funds for the J.E. and L.E. Mabree Business Center; traveled to England, Germany, Greece, Guatemala and Italy; consulted in Florence with Italian educators and government officials about the semester abroad program that began Fall 1980

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Moments that spring to mind are of Dr. Ganus and Dr. Joe Pryor coming out of the stands and taking a joyous victory lap with the whole team in Arkadelphia when we won the University's first conference track title in 1981, and then the day in his office a year and a half later when he told me — I was \$1,000 short of being able to register for my last semester at Harding — about 'this scholarship for exactly \$1,000' that was for a student who exactly fit my profile. 'What do I need to do to qualify?' I queried. 'Just ask me' was his reply. I can still feel the relief and the gratitude that flooded through me in that moment to this day. I know in my heart that there was no such scholarship and that he wrote that tuition check himself from his private endowment 'for students in need.' He was a great man who lived out his principles. He made an imprint on my soul. I thank God for Clifton L. Ganus, Jr. May he rest in peace with the Lord he served his whole life.

GENE BILLINGSLEY ('83)

I could not have had a better boss. He was always helpful, kind and patient for the 46 years I served as his secretary.

EDWINA PACE
(former staff)



I had always noticed Dr. Ganus' hands. They were mighty, strong and gentle. It was an honor having my bachelor's degree handed to me by Dr. Ganus. He represents Harding at its finest.

APRIL WILSON ('87)

Dr. Ganus was my president. I'm so grateful. He was such a delight and a comfort and a wonder to hear speak, not just the melodious sound of his kind voice but the careful wording of challenging and encouraging admonitions. John and I flew on a small plane with Dr. Ganus to perform at a recruiting event, and he was so gracious, so eager, to make us comfortable — and of course interested in our families, our studies, our lives. I can see him teaching us how to pop our ears by holding our nose and blowing out our cheeks. I accidentally called his home more than once, trying to reach his son, and he could not have been more generous with me, chuckling as he gently informed me I might have the wrong number, then asking me about my life. Ganus family, I'm so happy for you that you had him. I'm so glad the Harding family had him. Now the Lord has him.

ALICE GRIFFITH ('89)

My sophomore year I was working at Whistle Stop BBQ, and I would see Dr. Ganus and his wife come in and just admire them from afar after all the incredible things I had heard about them. Our Zeta Rho "Palgrims and Friendians" function was coming up soon, and I thought, what better way to get to know a new pal?! I worked up the courage to ask Dr. Ganus. He joyfully accepted on the condition that his wife approved, and a few weeks later we met at their house where he awaited us with the best pilgrim costume we'd ever seen. My friends, Kalyn and Nate, and I sat in awe as he shared stories and wisdom during the car ride and participated in an awesome night with all of us. I will forever hold close to my heart those moments and how willing he was to spend his night off with a bunch of crazy Zeta Rho girls in a barn in Nowhere, Arkansas, just because a student had asked. This was one of my absolute favorite memories from Harding, and I'm honored to have been able to share it with Dr. Ganus.

HARLEE STUTESMAN ('16)

Ganus' love for athletics was a continual theme of the service, and after Charles spoke, he introduced the Harding football video "The Table," written and directed by Grant Dillion in 2013. Ganus' lyrical and powerful voice builds with different scenes of athletes prepping for the season, but it is clear that the message goes deeper than the game of football. The video concludes with Ganus' boisterous call to action, "Whatever you have, whoever you are, bring your best to the table."

The remaining grandchildren take the podium as the video ends. John Richard Duke ('98) shared of Ganus' commitment to living life to its fullest.

"PawPaw loved to celebrate," he said. "He also loved to challenge you to do your best, and he could do this because he would always give you his best ... when PawPaw committed to something, he committed fully. He would always give you his best, and his commitment was steadfast."

David Duke ('00) narrowed the field to speak of his grandfather's commitment to adventure, saying, "Being part of a university, I feel like you're always a heartbeat away from something exciting, some adventure. I think he viewed you, the students, as this unbelievable potential for a lifetime of service and adventure. But there are a few things that he would always do on his adventures ... One, he would always involve family or friends ... Second, he would always be willing to make a detour for people. And finally, it always involved delicious food."

He concluded with, "He was great at putting in the effort to make relationships last for a lifetime. So, go on some adventure and do it for PawPaw."

Fifty-five minutes and 40 seconds into the service, Cliff came to the podium to introduce the final video and left the stage to a chuckling audience.

"Just in case this last portion runs more than four minutes and 20 seconds, I declare this event over. The rest is postlude. Dad attended dramatic productions. He went to art shows. He came to chorus concerts. He always told me his favorite piece was 'In the First Light.' We conclude with that today."

With that, the family began their exit, and right as the video faded to black, the clock turned to 3 p.m. 🕒

I'll never forget a few years ago when he stopped by Student Publications to be featured in the yearbook distribution video. A former Petit Jean editor-in-chief himself, Dr. Ganus stood in the office after the shoot telling the current staff about his days as an editor. He told us he had each of his 1943 Petit Jean staff sign a dollar bill, and then he proceeded to take that same dollar bill out of his wallet to let us all look at it. To know that his days in Student Publications meant so much to him and that his staff was so cherished that he carried their names in his wallet every day was one of the most memorable experiences I have had at Harding.

KATIE RAMIREZ ('08)

Sept. 9 Facebook post

More tributes can be seen at harding.edu/mag. If you would like to share a tribute or memory of Dr. Ganus, you may share it at harding.edu/ganus or send to Harding University, 915 E. Market Ave., Box 12234, Searcy, AR 72149. Responses will be shared with the family.

1982

One of six American Christians who flew to Warsaw, Poland, for the signing of the historic document legalizing the church of Christ in Poland

1983

Began the last major building construction projected at his inauguration — the science building — 14,600-square-foot addition

1985

Made two trips to Nassau, Bahamas, to develop Harding's School of Biblical Studies for Christian leadership training; traveled to Florence, Italy, to purchase and dedicate the villa that still houses HUF students today; worked with Sam Walton to begin the Walton International Scholarship Program

1986



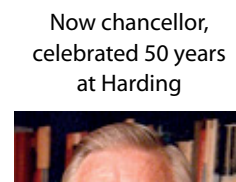
Announced his retirement at the end of the 1986-87 school year

1987



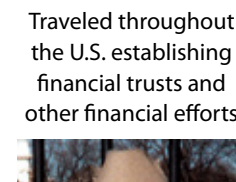
Upon his retirement, the Board of Trustees named the physical education complex in his honor — the Ganus Athletic Center

1989



Now chancellor, celebrated 50 years at Harding

1994



Traveled throughout the U.S. establishing financial trusts and other financial efforts

2003



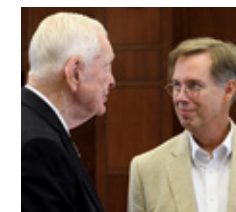
Helped establish Harding Christian Academy in Nawan-goma, Uganda

2012

At 90, spent the summer traveling to Eastern Europe with the Harding chorus, to Uganda to visit Harding Christian Academy, and to the Grand Cayman Islands to speak to more than 400 people at a lectureship

2017

Family established the Clifton L. Ganus, Jr. Endowed Distinguished Chair of History and Political Science and named Dr. Kevin Klein the first recipient



2019



In March, honored as one of the 10 longest marriages in Arkansas at a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion hosted by Gov. Asa Hutchinson and First Lady Susan Hutchinson; in April, celebrated his 97th birthday during a chapel service led by Sub T-16 men's social club

GANUS'
HARDING
YEARS



Connections



1974

Cindy Myers Reynolds has retired following a 43-year career in law enforcement. She was the first female patrol officer in Montgomery, Alabama. Upon retiring from the police department after 20 years, she spent one day retired and then took a job as a deputy with the Montgomery County Sheriff's office. After 16 years as a patrol deputy, she moved to the legal services division where she finished her career. She and her husband, Ben, have two children, Kathy and **Jon** ('09). (3293 Little John Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109)

1980

Gary S. Selby earned his Ph.D. from University of Maryland and serves as professor of ministerial formation at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College. He recently published *Pursuing an Earthly Spirituality: C.S. Lewis and Incarnational Faith*, which demonstrates that an earthly spirituality can be a robust spirituality. He also is the author of *Not With Wisdom of Words: Nonrational Persuasion in the New Testament* and *Martin Luther King and the Rhetoric of Freedom: The Exodus in America's Struggle for Civil Rights*. He previously worked at Pepperdine University as Carl P. Miller Chair of Communication and director of the University's Center for Faith and Learning. He and his wife, **Tammy Rogers** ('80), have two children. (123 Pine Court, Johnson City, TN 37601)

1982

Keith Thompson is celebrating 30 years as a meteorologist at Channel 3 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He has won the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Best Weathercast Award, has an Emmy for Best Weathercast in Michigan, and was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle (Michigan chapter), recognizing 25 years in the television industry. (3020 Kellison Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009)

1983

Kyle Bolton served the Tennessee senate as Minister of the Day April 26, 2019, as a guest of Sen. Shane Reeves. He is minister of Church Street Church of Christ in Lewisburg, Tennessee. He and his wife, Gail, have two children and two grandchildren. (487 Manor Circle, Lewisburg, TN 37091)

1984

Jeff Tennyson is CEO of Lima One Capital. He is a certified public accountant and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School. He was honored

in HousingWires 2016 Class of Vanguards. He is married to **Kathy Lee Jenkins**. (206 Tranquil Ave., Charlotte NC, 28209)

1985

Ed Madden, poet laureate of Columbia, South Carolina, has received a fellowship from the Academy of American Poets. He received \$50,000 to launch "Telling the Stories of the City," a project that incorporates local and youth voices, builds on community-based workshops, and creates an interactive story map of the city. He is a professor of English and director of the women's and gender studies program at the University of South Carolina. He has a master's and Ph.D. from University of Texas at Austin. (1906 Melissa Lane, Columbia, SC 29210)

1986

Scott Miller, Anstaff Bank Boone County market president, has been appointed to the Arkansas State Banking Board by Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson. He brings 31 years of banking experience to the role. He currently sits on the boards of North Arkansas College and the Boone County Economic Development Committee. He earned his graduate degree in banking from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1998. He and his wife, **Terri Bowman** ('85), attend Northside Church of Christ where he serves as an elder. (3731 Savannah Drive, Harrison, AR 72601)

1987

Kelly Max Koonce II is chief claims officer for Sedgwick's casualty division. Prior to joining Sedgwick in 2015, he served as senior director of risk management for Walmart Stores Inc. and as president of its wholly-owned third party administrator. An attorney by trade, he was previously an administrative law judge for the Arkansas Workers Compensation Commission and an appellate court justice for the Arkansas Court of Appeals. He serves on the board of the National Council of Self-Insurers and Strategic Services on Unemployment and Workers Compensation. He holds a J.D. from University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is a member of both the Arkansas and American Bar Associations. He is married to **Rebecca Jouett** ('86). (4703 Spring Valley Road, Bentonville, AR 72712)

1990

Jon Murray completed his 14th season as head coach of Texas Tech's cross-country teams and

assistant coach for distance runners on the track and field squads, which took the 2019 Division I outdoor championship. He joined the Red Raiders after 14 years at Abilene Christian. He is married to **Samantha Rice** ('92). (7402 96th St., Lubbock, TX 79424)

1991

Gray Dillard became executive vice president and chief operating officer of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield in July. He had been chief financial officer and treasurer since 2011. A CPA, he serves on the boards of USable Corp., HMO Partners, Med-site Health Management and World Services for the Blind Foundation. He and his wife, **Elizabeth Doyle**, have three children. (107 Quapaw Trail, Maumelle, AR 72113)

1992

David Gregor completed a Ph.D. in business administration from Oklahoma State University. He is vice president of marketing and chief operating officer for Innovative Steel Detailing Inc., a multinational specialty drafting firm. He and his wife, **Deana Randolph**, have seven children. (13903 Woodland Ridge Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70816)

1993

Jason M. Pace has been promoted to lieutenant and designated assistant director of the Recruiting and Community Outreach Division at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Headquarters in Jefferson City. He graduated from Missouri State University in 1995 with a master's in public administration and from Leadership in Police Organizations training in Jefferson City in 2015. He and his wife, Jennifer Decker, have three children, Blake, Brooke and Blaire. (2116 E. Hawkins Court, Ozark, MO 65721)

Scott Shappard received the Press-Ganey Award for the top 5% of physicians in the nation for patient satisfaction. This is the ninth year in a row he has been honored. He is a family physician with St. Alphonsus Trinity Health and is married to **Stacie Evans**. (4264 Nystrom Way, Boise, ID 83713)

1994

Cara Rana Lank was promoted to chief credit officer at Stone Bank. She completed the Graduate School of Banking at University of Colorado. She is married to **Shane**. (2908 Mossey Creek Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

1995

Karrie Bradshaw Arbuckle, a principal at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Bentonville, Arkansas, has achieved the status of master school principal by completing three years of training and a year of performance evaluations conducted by the Arkansas Leadership Academy. At the district level, she serves on the alternative learning environment placement committee and is an elementary representative for Bentonville's personnel policy committee. As principal, she partners with Amazeum to implement Maker

Space Education in Bentonville schools. (4407 S.W. Acres Ave., Bentonville, AR 72712)

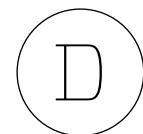
Stacey Tucker Lewis is assistant vice president and senior credit analyst at Vision Bank in Ada, Oklahoma. Prior to moving with her family to Ada in December 2017, she was assistant professor of accounting at Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Oregon. She was the treasurer of the board of directors for Eugene Christian School and served as chair of the finance committee. She and her husband, **Brian** ('97), are members of Southwest Church of Christ in Ada where she

teaches children's and women's Bible classes, and Brian is the preaching minister. They have two sons, David and Nathan. (18176 County Road 1558, Ada, OK 74820)

1996

Bradley T. Hayes was elected and installed as the 90th president of the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in April 2019. He also serves as president of the George Washington Chapter LASSAR in New Orleans. He received his J.D. at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Divine direction



R. LYNsay WALLER BRAUTNICK always intended to be a doctor, but her path did not follow what one may call a traditional route. It all started with an announcement at the dinner table when Brautnick was in third grade: She was going to be a physician when she grew up.

"I don't know where [the idea to be a physician] came from," Brautnick said. "My parents just never told me I couldn't. I grew up in a home where whatever you wanted to achieve, you could achieve."

And achieve, she did. Brautnick initially came to Harding as a chemistry major but decided to go a slightly different direction. Coming from a family of accountants, she saw the value of a business background and graduated from the University in 2000 with a degree in accounting — and a minor in chemistry.

Brautnick went from Harding to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and from there to Vanderbilt for a residency in internal medicine. It was during her time at Vanderbilt that she decided to hone in on a specialty in oncology.

"At the church I was attending in Nashville, there was an elder who was a physician," Brautnick said. "I remember him asking me what I was going to do, and I explained how conflicted I was — I really couldn't decide between nephrology and oncology. And he was a really quiet man; he didn't say a lot, he just said, 'oh, but think about the difference you could make as a Christian in oncology.'"

From Tennessee to North Carolina, she completed fellowships in hematology and oncology at Wake Forest in 2011. While wrapping up her fellowship, Brautnick heard from a former colleague about an opportunity in Northwest Arkansas working with Highlands Oncology Group.

"God intervened," Brautnick said. "I was looking at my options, and it was a good fit — it's a lovely area and a great practice. God put it all in place, and I've been here ever since."

Brautnick was initially drawn to the unique nature of her relationship with her patients as an oncologist and the opportunity to get to know the whole family. Though she acknowledges that her job is difficult, she said it's rewarding to become part of the family and walk alongside people through this time in their life.

"There's nothing that isn't hard about it," Brautnick said. "You're

often seeing people at the worst times in their lives, but you're being invited in as a trusted person to help them through the process and come out on the other side, no matter what direction. You get to play a small role in helping them on this path, and you often become part of the family. And that is what's rewarding."

Any physician's job comes with hard days, difficult news to share, a different outcome than what all had hoped for, but that is especially



true for an oncologist. Brautnick's perspective on coping with hard days is to remember that God is the great physician, and he is ultimately holding the outcome.

"I tell patients that I'm trained well to do what I do, but we leave the results to God," Brautnick said. "I can give the chemo, but God gives the response. That is hard as a physician to remember sometimes because you want every patient to have a good outcome, and that doesn't always

happen. Being in prayer for your patients and leaving them in God's hands is what really helps get through the rough days."

Brautnick's faith and support system provide the solid foundation she needs as she walks her chosen career path. It is a group of women she befriended during her time at Harding who she leans on for encouragement and advice, who she calls in a crisis and vacations with each summer.

"It is therapeutic when we all get together," Brautnick said. "It's coming together with other women to share the joys and the hardships. We cry, we laugh, we tell the same story over and over again, and we leave renewed."

She and her husband, Derek, view her position as a ministry, and his support — evident in his decision to step back from his career to stay home with their daughter, Laurel — is further proof that Brautnick's route — while nontraditional to some — is right where she is supposed to be. 🙏

— Jantzen Haley

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Bowen School of Law. He is commissioned in the U.S. Army and served six years as a tank commander, scout platoon leader and various other Cavalry assignments. He currently serves as a JAG officer in the U.S. Army Reserves with the rank of major. He also is an attorney with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in New Orleans. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children. (210 Turnberry Drive, Covington, LA 70433)

1998

Matt Daniel is the new head coach of the women's basketball program at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He came to ASU after a five-year stint at Marshall University as the head coach. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters, Steele and Brett.

2000

Jennifer Scism has been named principal of Lone Oak Elementary School in Paducah, Kentucky. She spent the last three years as an art teacher in the Christian County (Kentucky) School District and received her master's degree in elementary administration from William Woods University in 2014.

2002

Ryan and **Michelle Guy Abshear** announce the birth of twin sons, Ethan Michael and Connor Luke, Sept. 30, 2018. (416 Richie Drive, Dayton, OH 45449)

Elizabeth Solano was recently appointed by Gov. Asa Hutchinson to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission. (3052 Windwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72206)

2004

Andy Goodman has been named president and CEO of Arkansas' Independent Colleges and Universities, an association of the state's 11 private accredited institutions of higher education. He has served as a senior legislative aide since 2015 and most recently has been the chief legislative aide to Arkansas Senate President Pro Tempore Jim Hendren as well as the legislative director for Gov. Asa Hutchinson in 2018.

Terri Lee married Floyd (Sonny) Frederick Orrell Jr. on July 4, 2018. She is a special agent for the U.S. Department of State. (3125 Olin Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044)

2005


Jonathan Rogers has been appointed to the Centennial Bank Little Rock (Arkansas) Regional Board of Directors. He is president at Arnold and

Making numbers matter

PROFILE | CRAIG VICK

I F YOU ASKED CRAIG VICK what led him to accounting, he would say he "owes a great deal of his career path" to the different people and relationships he's formed along the way.

Vick grew up a half-hour from Atlanta in Snellville, Georgia. When he graduated from high school he knew he wanted to attend Harding and work in the business world, but he didn't know exactly what that would look like. Following the advice of several mentors he decided to pursue accounting and earned his bachelor's degree in 2004.



After graduation, Vick took a position with Deloitte in Little Rock, Arkansas, primarily working with banks and insurance companies. Three years later, he accepted a position with USA Drug as a financial reporting manager and was quickly appointed accounting manager, followed by controller. Vick held that position for five years until Walgreens acquired USA Drug in 2012.

The day after Vick left following the Walgreens acquisition, he began his career as a chief financial officer at Colliers. He attributes this opportunity to a connection he formed early on in his time at Deloitte.

"I established a relationship with Dan Andrews at Deloitte," Vick said. "It was Dan who brought me over to USA Drug and eventually introduced me to the people at Colliers. He knew of the needs that Colliers had and thought my skill set would be a good fit."

Vick's first few years at Colliers involved a great deal of growth and learning.

"Accounting is accounting no matter where you are, but trying to figure out exactly how that worked here at Colliers and how I could add value to the company was what I spent the first couple of years on."

In addition to working with numbers and strategizing decisions for the company, Vick says what he enjoys most about his work is the multitude of relationships he's formed outside his office walls.

"We manage real estate for more than 300 entities, and there are multiple people within each of those entities that we have relationships with," he said.

In June 2019, after working at Colliers for six years, Vick was recognized as a member of the Arkansas Business 40 under 40 Class of 2019. He never imagined he would be where he is now.

"The opportunities that I have been blessed with are thanks to the people I work with on a daily basis," he said. "I think part of the honor of 40 under 40 is a reflection of the people I work with at Colliers. I've been very lucky to work for great companies my entire career, but I'll tell everyone that Colliers is a unique place. I don't think there are a lot of places like it."

Vick said his goals after graduating from Harding were much smaller than what he's had the opportunity to do at this point in his career. The common theme, however, has been the relationships that he's established. It's through those relationships and opportunities that Vick has learned not to set limits on what he wants to accomplish.

"There's always the next opportunity for growth and improvement. It doesn't always have to be the next job. It can be working to make the place that you are at as good as it can be and not just settling for what you have always done in the past. Instead, look to say, 'let's make this a better place for our clients and the people that work here.'" — Katie Clement

Blevins Electric Co. He started as an electrical apprentice in 2002 while attending Harding. He received his electrical license in 2006 followed by his master's electrical license in 2008. He also serves on the board of directors at Central Arkan-

sas Christian Schools, as treasurer of the board at Pleasant Valley Country Club, and as a deacon at Levy Church of Christ. He and his wife, **Rachel Arnold**, have two sons, Dylan and Caleb. (3710 Lochridge Road, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

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Outstanding Young Alumni

STEVE ('02) and **LINDSAY SNOW** ('02) **CLOER** have devoted their lives to mission and ministry. As a couple, they look to Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well," for guidance in every aspect of the life they have built in Fort Worth, Texas, where they live with their three children, Joshua, Bethany and Lydia.

Steve is a preaching minister at Southside Church of Christ — a calling he felt from an early age. Working in an urban neighborhood, Steve is particularly thankful for opportunities to have conversations

about racial unity and to be a leader in demonstrating that the gospel stretches beyond racial lines. Lindsay is a middle

school teacher at Fort Worth Christian School, where she gets to use her passion and talents to provide hope to children and teenagers. She stayed home with her children when they were young but has enjoyed being more active in their schools as they have grown. Teaching, volunteering and serving in children's ministry and local schools is Lindsay's passion, and she is grateful to work alongside organizations with a similar vision.

"Lindsay and I consider ourselves urban missionaries," Steve said. "Observing a teacher getting baptized, watching a struggling family receive help and hope, welcoming a child to hear the good news of Jesus — these are the stories that encourage us. It has been so rewarding to see God use our church to be a blessing to our neighborhood through serving, helping, giving and proclaiming the good news."



CLOER PHOTO BY AARON SNOW. CITY PHOTO BY MIKE JAMES



EXCELLENCE, Lived

By JANTZEN HALEY

Each year, the University takes time to seek out and acknowledge alumni who stand out in their fields and their communities — no small task with more than 90 years of graduates from which to choose. Harding graduates continually set the bar high and exemplify the University's mission to integrate faith, learning and living; develop Christian scholarship; promote Christian ethics; develop lasting relationships; and to promote wellness and citizenship within a global perspective. The following individuals are recognized for living with excellence and setting the standard high.

Distinguished Alumni

Dr. **JIM** ('61) and **MARALYN BAILEY** ('62) **CITY** have been servants in Searcy for some time. Jim is well known for his medical practice at Unity Health Medical Center, and both are longtime members at College Church of Christ and supporters of the University.

Jim graduated with a degree in biology and went on to receive his medical degree from University of Tennessee in 1965. Maralyn earned a degree in education and completed a master's in education in 1982.

"A tribute to my wife of 58 years who greatly encouraged me in everything I've attempted to accomplish, including my pursuit of medical training," Jim said of his decision to become a physician. "To love God and others, of course, are the two great commands. I believe in serving the sick and dying, you manifest to others what the love of God is all about. Though never done perfectly it can be a great tool to draw others to Christ."



Their commitment to living out the greatest commands are clear in abundant volunteer activities and numerous awards. Jim has been Public Health Clinician of the Year (1995) and Searcy Medical Professional of the Year (2004). Maralyn is a member of Women for Harding, and both stay involved with the University and College Church of Christ, where Jim is an elder.

"Maralyn has always been the wind beneath my wings, and I would be nothing without her — I love her," Jim said. "My family has been an inspiration. I love them more than you can imagine — they are strong and faithful and have never given us one moment of concern for their spiritual safety."

The Citys have four grown children, Kent, Kellee Blickenstaff ('87), Kris ('92) and Kyle ('94).



College of Allied Health

Dr. **DAN TULLOS** ('73) says he stumbled into speech-language pathology but quickly came to realize that it was a good fit, evident in his nearly 40-year career with the University's communication department and College of Allied Health. He served as a pivotal member of the faculty, helping to build and grow the communication sciences and disorders undergraduate and graduate programs.

"Speech-language pathology is a 'helping' profession and gave me the opportunity to give back to the patients I served," Tullos said. "I enjoyed the opportunity to train the best and most ethical speech pathologists out there."

In addition to teaching at Harding, Tullos worked as a speech-language pathologist, clinical supervisor and diagnostician at Alberta Children's Hospital in Canada and at the Regional Medical Program at Jenkins Children's Center in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He also was a visiting professor at Fort Hays State University, University of Central Arkansas and University of Mississippi.

"I loved helping individuals communicate better and being present when they realized that they were in control," Tullos said. "I enjoy hearing from former patients, especially when they remind me of the impact of speech and language skills."

Tullos became a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2000 and also received honors from ASHA in 1998 and the Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Achievement Award in 2016. He was recognized with a Distinguished Teacher Award from the University in 1991. Tullos was recently awarded a Faithful Servant Award by Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting. Additionally, he has been honored with awards by Boy Scouts of America, the National Eagle Scout Association, and Alberta Children's Hospital.

He and his wife, Keri Thompson ('81) (deceased), have a son, Ian. Tullos resides in Searcy and continues to teach an ethics course in the CSD graduate program.

College of Arts & Humanities

To say **TIM COX** ('94) has talent would be an understatement. Creativity is his calling, and he shares that with others through his work as a freelance designer and as an assistant professor for graphic design at Johnson and Wales University.

In 2018, Cox received two awards for his graphic design work. Printing Industry Association of the South presented Cox an Award of Excellence for four-color program design and

RIGHT: Dan Tullos ('73)
MIDDLE: Tim Cox ('94)
Leonard Allen ('73)
Byron Carlock ('84)
BOTTOM: Jan Chesshir Morgan ('69)
Kim Hardy Leverett ('98)
Eddie Shields ('85)

soft-cover book design. Cox puts thought and intentionality into every aspect of his designs, and he teaches his students to do the same.

"I think of design as a puzzle and how it is creatively solved," Cox said. "I love helping guide students to finding new answers to those puzzles. Their new thoughts also help me to be a better designer."

Cox credits his talent and everything he does as completely from God, not from himself. His positive influence can be seen and felt by the University's communication and marketing office as he shares his creative genius in his role of freelance designer. He previously worked there full time while also serving as an adjunct professor in the art department.

"I have drawn since I was little and eventually became a designer," Cox said. "Once I started adjunct teaching, I loved working with students."

Cox's story leading to his career as a designer is not as simple as he describes, and he shares more about his faith, medical trials and life in general in his blog, available at notgoinggentle2.wordpress.com.

wordpress.com.

Cox and his wife, Erin Harrington ('99), live in Warwick, Rhode Island, with their two children, Corban and Sully.

College of Bible & Ministry

Dr. **LEONARD ALLEN** ('73) has spent his career studying Christian history — what he calls "the big story and the subplots in the story" — to learn how it shaped the Christian story he inherited. He has authored several books as a result of his research and has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels, helping students understand the Christian story and their place in it.

"The books [I've written] have assisted many thousands of people — older and younger — in gaining a larger and broader perspective on their own Christian heritage and on the 'great tradition' of the faith," Allen said. "Many hundreds have written over the years saying how satisfying, 'freeing,' and faith-building this has been for them — that is the rewarding part."

Allen is the current dean of the College of Bible and Ministry at Lipscomb University where he oversees the undergraduate Bible program, student mission trips, Hazelp School of Theology and the Institute for Christian Spirituality. He previously worked as publisher and editor-in-chief for Abilene Christian University Press and also has taught at ACU, Biola University, Fuller Theological Seminary and John Brown University.

He worked with campus ministries during his tenure at different colleges, including Lipscomb. He also has previously helped to plant an inner-city church and assists with preaching and Bible class teaching.

Allen's wife, Holly Catterton ('73), also is an educator and author, specializing in children's spiritual formation and intergenerational Christian formation. They live in Nashville, Tennessee, and have three children, David, Daniel and Bethany, and five grandchildren.

College of Business Administration

BYRON CARLOCK ('84) has 31 years of professional experience, currently leading PwC's U.S. Real Estate Practice. Since graduating from the University, he has participated in the international Asian Studies Program at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he was a Rotary scholar, and earned his MBA at Harvard Business School.

He has held several positions in the real estate investment trust industry, including more than 10 years with CNL Lifestyle Properties Inc., where he was CEO and president, and leadership roles at Post Properties and Crow Holdings International.

Carlock stays connected with the schools he attended, holding board membership at Harding's Carter College of Business Administration, Harvard Club of Dallas and Harvard Business School. He also is currently a governor of the Urban Land Institute and a member of Real Estate Roundtable and the National Association of REITs.

He is committed to continued economic and social change in the Arkansas Delta region, where he is chairing fundraising for the National Cold War Museum that is to be built in Blytheville, Arkansas, on the site of the former Air Force base.

He has been featured extensively in media, including Fox Business News and The New York Times, and writes a monthly column for National Real Estate Investor. He was recently named one of the D500 most influential businessmen in Dallas by *D Magazine*.

Carlock lives in Dallas and has three children, Elizabeth Phillips, Barker and Trey ('12) (deceased), and three grandchildren.

College of Education

Dr. **JAN CHESSHIR MORGAN** ('69) devoted her career to education, graduating from the University with a degree in music education and teaching at School of Hope, White County Central Schools, Harding Academy, and ultimately at the University in the College of Education.

Watching her mother in the classroom — teaching and influencing students who loved her and her class — led Morgan to pursue the field. She spent years teaching either music or special education, and she retired — now holding the title of distinguished professor emeritus — from teaching at the University, teaching future educators.

"I absolutely loved teaching, whether it was small children or adults, whether it was music or special education, and whether it was in a public school setting, private education setting or college classroom," Morgan said. "It has been so rewarding seeing my students become successful teachers."

Her passion evident to others, she was honored many times during the span of her career and recognized with a Distinguished Teacher Award from the University in the 1993-94, 1998-99 and 2011-12 academic years.

"I had the opportunity to show Christ's love in my interaction with students," Morgan said. "My prayer was that the Golden Rule could be seen in my classroom, and it was rewarding to help my students grow academically and spiritually."

Morgan and her husband, Paul, live in Searcy and enjoy time with their two children, Brent ('97) and Melani Blansett ('04), and four grandchildren.

College of Nursing

Graduating from the Carr College of Nursing with her bachelor's in nursing was only the beginning for Dr. **KIM HARDY LEVERETT** ('98), RN, FNP-BC, PMH/CNS-BC, but her time at Harding built a solid foundation for her career in health care.

"The culture of the College of Nursing was steeped in calling and commitment," Leverett said. "Commitment to excellence in one's craft and being ever mindful of our higher calling or purpose was fundamental."

Leverett has spent the last 20 years working in a number of settings: adult and pediatric primary care, geriatric home health, research and psychiatric/mental health within crisis stabilization units, community centers and private practice.

"Knowledge and experience of the power and potential for hope in moments of shared humanity led me to nursing," Leverett said. "Nursing is my vocation and, though it's been one in which



the fields I have practiced have undergone evolutions and the numerous settings may appear disparate, the common denominator has always been the human peering back at me."

After years spent working in the field, Leverett feels she can pay it forward by sharing her experience and education with the next generation of nurses. She is currently an assistant professor in the Augusta University College of Nursing Biobehavioral Department.

"Hands down, [the most rewarding part of my job] is the people I get to engage, collaborate and sit with, listen and learn from, serve and attend to, whether I call those individuals student, patient or peer," Leverett said. "There is such a deep need for people to share their stories and for those stories to be heard and held. It has been humbling, sobering and the privilege of a lifetime to serve as a witness bearer, to hear and hold all manner of stories from all manner of people over various parts of this world, often in their most vulnerable moments."

Leverett and her husband, David, live in Watkinsville, Georgia, with their sons, Luke and Joel.

College of Sciences

Dr. **EDDIE SHIELDS** ('85) earned more than a bachelor's degree in biology from Harding. He considers the University to be one of the greatest blessings of his life, preparing him for the additional education he pursued to become a physician.

"The biblical foundation and spiritual growth that I experienced while at Harding set me on a trajectory for continued spiritual growth and a deepening relationship with God," Shields said.

Shields feels he is able to shine a light and use his God-given gifts and talents in his daily interactions with patients at the Arkansas Allergy and Asthma Clinic, where he has practiced since earning his medical degree.

"I have always loved science and the intricate details of God's design," Shields said. "I also love helping others. Medicine allows me to use science to help people in a unique way that uses the gifts that God has given me. I love putting the medical pieces of the puzzle together and coming up with a treatment plan to help the patient get better. I love the relationships that I am able to build and the families that I am able to help."

Shields is a member of Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he has served as an elder, deacon, Bible class teacher and discipleship leader with the youth group.

He and his wife, Paula Taylor (deceased), have two children, Taylor and Carter. 📖



2008

Jared (‘94) and **Natalie Oliver Dockery** announce the birth of a daughter, Emma Grace, March 15, 2019. They have another daughter, Elizabeth. (108 Chippewa Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

2009

Jeffrey (‘07) and **Debbie Deacon Jones** announce the birth of a daughter, Lacey Jane, April 25, 2019. Jeffrey works for Cushman and Wakefield, and Debbie works for Citizens National Bank. They have another daughter, Eliza. (11956 Meadow Run Court, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

2010

Collin and Carlyann Miller **Swafford** announce the birth of a son, Dean Miller, Dec. 3, 2018. Collin is the associate director of Pediatric Neurology Fellowship at Dell Children’s Hospital.

Ryan Walters is serving as the new executive director of Oklahoma Achieves, an education initiative of the State Chamber. He was an AP history teacher for McAlester Public Schools and serves on Gov. Kevin Stitt’s Education Committee. A former McAlester Teacher of the Year and a finalist for the 2015 State Teacher of the Year, he has used his platform to advocate for change within Oklahoma’s education system. He is married to **Katie Goings**. (804 S. Ninth St., McAlester, OK 74501)

2011

Calea Bakke married Blake Davis on March 31, 2018. Calea works as a real estate appraiser and agent and serves on the board of the Mary Parrish Center, and Blake is a film producer. (4805 Milner Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

Lynn Garner has been named head football coach at Bald Knob High School. He also is the athletic director and an assistant principal at Bald Knob Elementary School. He and his wife, Kelsea, have two daughters, Preslea and Ellie. (706 Dogwood Lane, Bald Knob, AR 72010)

Adam (‘13) and **Sarah Pence Ingle** announce the birth of a son, Barrett Mitchell, Aug. 7, 2018. (3933 Lazy River Ranch Road, Roanoke, TX 76262)

Tim (‘12) and **Jeanne Jones Landuyt** announce the birth of a son, Wesley James, April 15, 2019. Tim works for US Bank, and Jeanne is a homemaker. They also have a daughter, Millie. (3515 Taylor Ave., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

2012

Grayson and **Katie Albers Path** announce the birth

of a daughter, Waverly May, April 16, 2019. The couple also has a son, Everett. (115 Cherry Circle, Nebraska City, NE 68410)

2014

Lauren Harris married Michael Corder on March 15, 2019. She is an art teacher for College Station Independent School District in Texas. (507 W. Ridge Drive, College Station, TX 77845)

Chris Webber recently published his first book, *The Battle for Redemption: A Walk Through The Bible*, with the book hitting the number one spot as a best seller on Amazon in its first week of availability. He is the youth and worship minister at Nichols Street Church of Christ in Bay City, Texas. He and his wife, Katie Sue, have a son, Carson. (155 Pecan, Van Vleck, TX 77482)

2016

Molly Howard was named the top assistant volleyball coach at Tarleton State University. She was a graduate assistant coach for Harding the last two seasons. She is pursuing a master’s degree in excellence in teaching.

2019

Angela Watson (MAT) was recently part of a Johns Hopkins Institute for Education policy team that evaluated the Providence, Rhode Island, school system. She earned her Ph.D. in education policy in May 2019 from University of Arkansas. She is co-researcher at the National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab at University of Arkansas as well as a senior research fellow in the school of education at Johns Hopkins Institute. (1375 N. Amberwood Lane, Fayetteville, AR 72701)

Passages

Mary Doris Gibson Morris (‘50), 95, of Clarksville, Tennessee, died Dec. 1, 2018. During World War II, she worked at Tinker Field in Oklahoma City. She taught school in Rose Bud, Arkansas; operated a day care in Nashville, Tennessee, serving George Peabody College; worked at the library at Eastern Kentucky University; and was a secretary to the director of the Reading Center of Fayette County (Kentucky) Schools. She taught children’s Bible classes at Richmond (Kentucky) Church of Christ and sang with the Richmond Homemaker’s Chorus. She provided floral arrangements for various weddings and funerals. She was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, **Alfred** (‘50); four children, **Scott** (‘74), **Emily McGinn** (‘75), Bruce and Lou Ann Weakley; two siblings, Jan McCoy and Mike Gibson; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Elmer Earl Belcher (‘53), 88, of Searcy died March 27, 2019. He received his master’s in education from University of Arkansas in 1956. He then began his educational career becoming a math and science teacher, high school principal, and superintendent in Missouri, New Mexico, and Arkansas. In 1964, he became assistant to the superintendent over auxiliary services for Searcy Public Schools, retiring in 1988. He then taught for six more years in Fort Worth, Texas, before retiring a second time. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bonnie, and a son, **Thomas** (‘80).

Joe Burks (‘54), 86, of Lubbock, Texas, died May 23, 2019. He received a master’s degree from Harding in 1960. He served as a coach, teacher and administrator in New Mexico and Texas. After retiring, he continued to work as a chaplain and teacher for prison and jail ministries. He also served as minister, interpreter, preacher and elder for churches in West Texas. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Elliott. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gayle Igo; two daughters, Sandy Johnston and Sharla Moudy; three siblings, Ouida Kerns, Amy Gaskins and Ken Burks; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Nancy Louise Vanwinkle Walker (‘54), 86, of Searcy died June 22, 2019. She earned a master’s degree from Harding in 1957.



She began her career as an elementary school teacher. After her children were born, she returned to work as a secretary for the Arkansas Soil Conservation Office where she was named Outstanding Conservation Secretary of the Year for the East Central area in 1992. She served alongside her husband as he taught at Harding and preached for various small congregations outside of Searcy. She was a founding member of Associated Women for Harding and was recognized as a Worthy Woman. In 2013, she and her late husband were honored as the first distinguished alumni for Harding’s newly formed College of Allied Health. She served as her daughter’s primary stateside base of operations and made trips to work alongside her in Albania. She shared the gospel with students around the world through World English Institute. She also volunteered many hours helping the needy of Searcy at College Church’s His House. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard** (‘50). She is survived by three children, **Ellen** (‘81), **Timothy** (‘84) and **Joseph** (‘96); a brother, **John Vanwinkle** (‘61); and four grandchildren.

James Delano Maxwell (‘55), 84, of Comins, Michigan, died May 8, 2018. He had a 33-year career in public relations for Ford Motor Co. He served on the board of directors for Oscoda

County Council on Aging in Mio, Michigan, and also for Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services in Valparaiso, Indiana, where he and his wife were presented with the Trustees Award in 2005 in honor of their significant commitment, dedication, generosity and compassion to children and families. He was a longtime elder of the church of Christ in Atlanta, Michigan, and was an avid sportsman. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Ruth Maddox** (‘56); six children, **Deborah** (‘78), **Rebecca Abbott** (‘79), Steven, Paul, David and **Mary Ruth Benson** (‘88); a brother, Joseph; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo Grissom Dobyns (‘58), 84, of Taylorville, Illinois, died June 6, 2019. She and her husband owned S&W Pest Control in Taylorville for many years. She was a longtime member of the Taylorville Christian Church and also was involved in the founding of Vision Way Christian School. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, **Boyce** (‘58), and a daughter, Gina Musgrove. She is survived by a son, Joseph; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Dorothy L. Young (‘58), 83, of Bentonville, Arkansas, died June 2, 2019. She worked at Harding Academy as custodian from 1981-98. She was a lifelong member of the church of Christ. She is survived by her three children, **Anthony** (‘81), **Alan** (‘85) and **Kathryn Wideman** (‘90); six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Charles Dwight Smith Sr. (‘59), 82, of Searcy died June 14, 2019. He was a church of Christ minister



across the Northeast, the campus minister at Harding, and a member of College Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, **Barby Kline** (‘60); and one brother, **Paul** (‘55). He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Caroline Word; three children, **Tanya Valls** (‘81), **Charles “Chuck” Dwight Jr.** (‘85) and **T. Dirk** (‘86); 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Betty Ann Neill Ham (‘60), 81, of Blount Springs, Alabama, died June 21, 2019. She received her master’s from University of Alabama Birmingham. She taught for a number of years and later became a realtor. She was a member of Sugar Creek Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, **Robert** (‘59); two daughters, Nancy Bynum and Linda White; a sister, Frances Love; and four grandchildren.

James Knox Summitt (‘60), 84, of Niceville, Florida, died July 21, 2019. He was a retired rear admiral, U.S. Navy, and a retired physician. He is survived by two sons, William and Jeffrey.

William Russell Epperson (‘61), 78, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died May 2, 2019. He graduated summa cum laude from Eastern New Mexico University in 1961. Awarded a Danforth Fellowship to attend

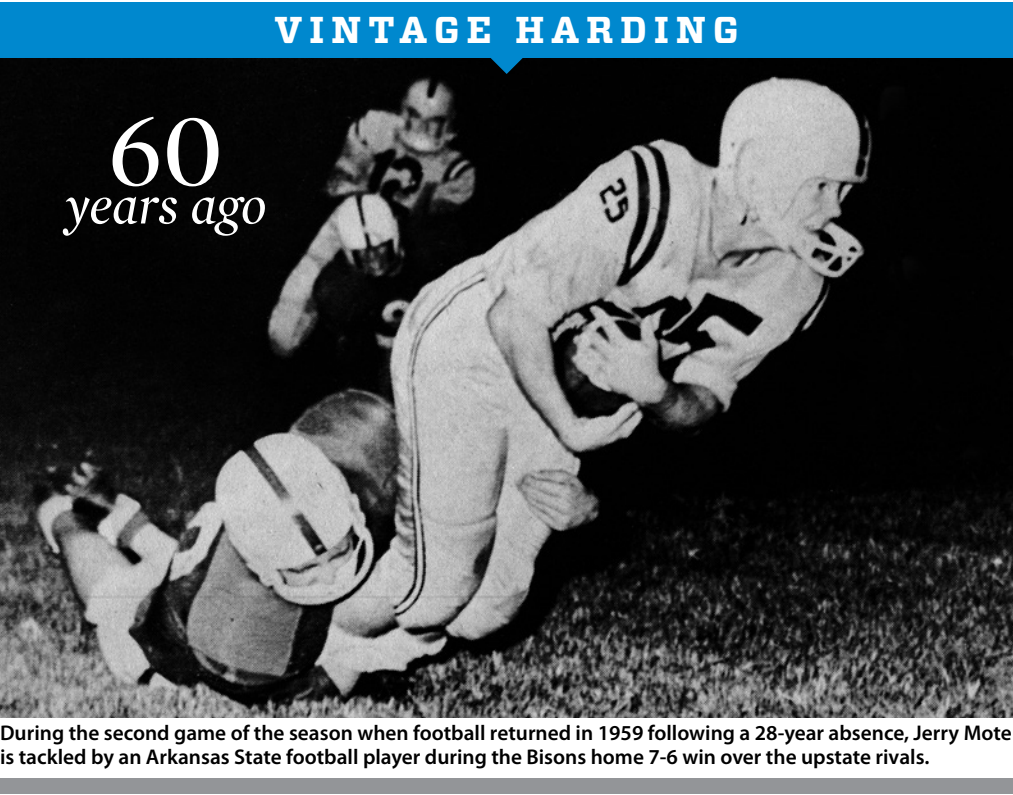


graduate school, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1965. He taught at York College from 1965-67, then furthered his studies in theology at Trinity College, University of Toronto while also teaching at York University in Toronto. In 1968, he accepted an offer from Oral Roberts University. While at ORU, he spoke at international conferences and received three NEH grants for summer study at Brown University, Johns Hopkins University and University of Virginia. In 1990, he received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach at Pusan University, South Korea. Three times during his tenure at ORU, he received the Teacher of the Year award. He is survived by his wife, **Linda Hartman** (‘60); three daughters, Mere Marie-Kristen, Rachel Denzin and Shannon; and four grandchildren.

Kenneth Lonnie Randolph (‘61), 79, of Eclectic, Alabama, died April 25, 2019. He served as a minister of the church of Christ in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. He served as a missionary in Africa, Mexico and the Bahamas and as a lecturer in several Christian universities. He conducted hundreds of gospel meetings. He spent more than 30 years with Faulkner University, serving as a professor and dean of the V.P. Black School of Biblical Studies before retiring in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Janice Johnson** (‘61); four children, Stephen, Phillip, Rachel Hatcher and Laura Alsup; three siblings, Peggy Harrison, Virginia Phillips and Linda Barnes; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dwight Orin Thompson (‘62), 79, of Hammon-ton, New Jersey, died March 31, 2019. He was a teacher and coach at Shawnee High School in the Lenape School District for 31 years and also taught driver’s education. After his retirement in 1998, he drove charter tours for Motor Coach Industries. He was a member of Pitman Road Church of Christ where he served as an elder for 25 years. He was preceded in death by a sister, **LaVonne Ransom** (‘61). He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Mary Lea Northcut** (‘63); two children, **Todd** (‘86) and **Jana Ritchie** (‘88); a sister, **Ramona Noland** (‘56); and eight grandchildren.

Betsy Jo Ann Kelly Lester (‘66), 75, of Grand Prairie, Texas, died June 17, 2019. She earned a master’s in social work from University of Texas at Arlington in 1972. She worked as a social worker at the Child Study Center and Goodwill in Fort Worth, Texas. After raising her family, she worked for Grand Prairie Independent School District as a substitute teacher, special education teacher’s aide, computer lab manager and diagnostician’s clerk. She was a longtime member of Turnpike and Crosspoint churches of Christ. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Michael; three children, **Philip** (‘90), Jason and **Alison Zacharias** (‘01); and three grandchildren.



During the second game of the season when football returned in 1959 following a 28-year absence, Jerry Mote is tackled by an Arkansas State football player during the Bisons home 7-6 win over the upstate rivals.



Lighting the way

By DONNY LEE, dean of the Cannon-Clary College of Education



WHEN YOU FIRST MEET a person, you form an impression. Dr. Lewis “Tony” Finley made an impression on me the first time I met him as my new boss at Harding University 22 years ago.

It’s interesting what you remember about a person, but several things come to mind when I think of Tony Finley. He loved his family very much. As he shared stories about family get-togethers, trips and dinners, he never gave a vague recounting of these times; he always provided colorful details sprinkled with a generous amount of devotion and pride. I had no doubt he loved his family.

Tony was meticulous if nothing else. He was a detail man with a remarkable memory. I was always amazed by his ability to recall details and names from events early in his life and throughout. He shared about his experiences as a young boy growing up in south-west Arkansas. As a teenager, he began his lifelong love of cars and traded them often. In the last few years of his life, he enjoyed restoring a Model A. In a conversation we had shortly after he began this project, he assured me he wasn’t going to spend too much time and

money on it, but I knew better! He couldn’t help but go after it with his characteristic gusto and attention to detail. He loved every minute of the nitty gritty of taking the car apart, ordering materials, redoing and replacing parts, and he shared it all with delight in the details. He was a detail man.

When I joined the College of Education faculty in 1998, Tony Finley was my dean, and he was already known and respected around the state and beyond for his leadership, vision and work in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. He continued this passion until he retired in 2016. Shortly thereafter the center on campus was renamed the Lewis “Tony” Finley STEM Center, and much of the work he began with grants and initiatives in the state continues to influence teachers and aspiring STEM students.

Anyone who knew Tony knew his love for travel. He and I would often sit in his office, and he would recount trips from as close as a fossil

dig in northern Arkansas to the far reaches of the interior of Russia. For a number of years, he led teachers around the country on professional development trips to learn about the geography, history and science of almost every state.

I suppose the most remarkable characteristic of Tony Finley was his tenacity and sheer determination. As a teenager, he was a talented baseball player and eyed playing professionally until a mechanical accident ripped his left arm off when he was 16. He described this experience as a turning point in his life that put him on a trajectory he otherwise wouldn’t have followed. He expressed it this way in a commencement speech several years ago: “For me, that accident in 1960 was traumatic and frightening, but it pushed me to a place I otherwise might not have journeyed.”

From his travels, Tony was intrigued with the lighthouses he often visited. He shared his interest in these iconic structures and how they would provide light to show the way. Perhaps that is what Tony did best — he provided light to show the way for educators around the state and for those he influenced in his role as teacher, principal, superintendent and eventually dean.

I learned a lot from Tony Finley as I worked alongside him for nearly 20 years. He asked me to serve as his associate dean and placed confidence in my abilities. He, as much as anyone, has helped shape me professionally and personally and provided me the opportunity to do the same for others. I am grateful for that.

Lewis Francis “Tony” Finley (’80), 75, of Searcy died April 2, 2019. He received his master’s from Southeast Missouri State College and a doctorate of education from University of Arkansas. In his 52 years as an educator, he taught chemistry and math, coached boys basketball, girls volleyball, and served as principal and superintendent. He taught in public schools in Missouri and Arkansas, and for 38 years he was employed at Harding Academy and Harding University where he served as dean of the College of Education for 17 years. In 1987 he established the STEM center in the College of Education. He also was owner of a department and athletic supply store and a home building contractor in Searcy for 22 years. He served the Lord’s church in many capacities including classroom teacher, education director, VBS director, Joy Bus Program director, deacon, elder and pulpit minister. As a foster parent himself, he worked with Children’s Home of Paragould in the placement of foster children. He was a member of College Church of Christ. He preceded in death by a brother, Ron. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Bettye Sue Lovern; two children, **Tonita Hickey** (’87) and **Scott** (’86); a brother, **Rodney** (’78); four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. 📖

Ploussard (’67); and three grandchildren.

Walter “Dub” Cledus Clark (’77), 82, of Higden, Arkansas, died June 1, 2019. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving 20 years, and was in Vietnam from 1968-69. He served in various ministry capacities for more than 40 years at churches in Arkansas, Texas and North Carolina, and was a missionary in Panama. He is survived

by his wife of 64 years, Helen Bellinger; four sons, Walter, **Robert** (’82), William and Bart; two siblings, Vernetta Weaver and Henry Clark; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Doug Dwight Hudson (’80), 61, of Mount Cory, Ohio, died July 20, 2019. His business card stated that he was a “photographer, philosopher and avant gardener.” He was employed in the field

of information technology by Blanchard Valley Health System in Findlay, Ohio. He was an accomplished woodworker who had just completed converting a 1923 garage into a workshop. He was a talented artist and member of the Ohio Watercolor Society and specialized in photorealistic watercolor painting. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Steiner Choudry; five children, Sarah Wing, David, Rachael Norris, Bethany and Daniel; three step-children, Ibrahim Choudhry, Suleymaan Choudhry and Zara-Yasmine Baird; his mother, Sarah; three siblings, **Mark** (’80), **Kim Johnson** (’84) and Kathy Churchill; and four grandchildren.

Andrew Clay Myers (’83), 57, of Bedford, Texas, died Sept. 24, 2018. He loved music of all kinds, was a talented writer and had a great sense of humor. He was a member of The Hills Church. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his mother, **Nancy Banowsky Myers** (’60); and his sister, Melissa Drake.

Lori Ann Atkinson (’85), 57, of Menominee, Michigan, died May 6, 2019. She did medical and missionary work in Nigeria and then worked as a registered nurse in various nursing homes and also provided in-home health care. After retiring from nursing, she worked at Wisconsin Job Center. A member of the church of Christ, she helped build and support the local congregation. She is survived by her father, Roger; and two siblings, Bryan and Lisa LeBoeuf.

Kelly Holaday Brackett (’89), 51, of Searcy died July 18, 2019. Kelly poured out her spirit for family, friends and strangers, often working early and late hours at her daughter’s restaurant.



Her day job was at Harding as the secretary for University Communications and Marketing, where she worked for 11 years. She was a member of College Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, **Mark** (’90); two daughters, Amelia Braun and Laine; her parents, **Tom** (’94) and **Jill** (’95) **Holaday**; four siblings, Molly Feagin, **Megan Stock** (’98), **Jeb** (’99) and **Daren** (’94).

John Charles Hitt (’98), 61, of Searcy died March 27, 2019. He was a minister for several churches of Christ across West Virginia and Ohio, as well as working as a foster parent and case worker at Midwestern Children’s Home and Camp Concern. After moving to Arkansas, he was a minister at Banner Church of Christ for more than 20 years. He also worked at Harding Academy and spent summers serving at Camp Tahkodah. He was a talented mechanic and enjoyed fixing antique cars. He was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, **Penny Rine** (’82); four daughters, **Melissa Walp** (’05), **Megan Jones** (’08), **Nikita Folen** (’12) and **Aubrey** (’16);

two siblings, Jackie Heintzman and Heath Hitt; and five grandchildren.

Melissa Michelle Scott King (’99), 40, of Bentonville, Arkansas, died May 25, 2019. She enjoyed baking, gardening and spending time with family and friends. She attended Living Waters Church. She is survived by her husband, Ranando; three children, Ian, Anita and Jasmine; her parents, Anthony and Doris Scott; two sisters, Kimberly and Helen; and two step-grandchildren.

Raymon Byron “Trey” Carlock III (’12), 28, of Dallas died Aug. 10, 2019. Trey did research internships at Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Center for BrainHealth in Dallas, and had been enrolled in a master’s program at University of Texas at Dallas. He was a Trinity Forum Academy Fellow and Eagle Scout. He is survived by his parents, **R. Byron Jr.** (’84) and Laura Barker; two siblings, Elizabeth Phillips and Barker; and grandparents, Elizabeth Barker and Jean Carlock.

Flavil Ray Yeakley Jr., 85, of Searcy died Aug. 12, 2019. He began preaching at age 16 and continued



for the next 25 years while completing degrees in psychology and communication from University of Houston and a Ph.D. in speech communication from University of Illinois. From 1974-84 he chaired the speech department at University of Tulsa and from 1984-90 he directed

PASSAGES | KELLY HOLADAY BRACKETT

The impact that you had on my life while living in Searcy is something that can’t be measured. I was a recently married, Walmart cashier, and you were a helpful mom shopping for your daughter’s coffee shop. You were so kind. It was never just filling your water containers or having casual conversations over tea. You were Jesus to me. You paid attention. You gave me your pot roast recipe. You let me try all your new tea concoctions. We talked about God and life and apps on our phones and church and everything in between. You, Kelly ... I won’t forget. I can’t forget. — Brooke Lane Brazzell



the Church Growth Institute at Abilene Christian University. In 1990, he became a professor in Harding’s College of Bible and Religion, director of the Center for Church Growth Studies, and director of the Office of Outcomes Assessment. He retired in 2011 but continued his lifelong career of teaching, consulting, writing and research. He was an internationally recognized expert in the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, serving as president of the Association for Psychological Type. He won numerous awards for his research, including Distinguished Christian Service Awards from Harding and Oklahoma Christian. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Maydell Jeffries; three children, Mark, Steven and **Rebecca Vinzant** (’99); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Maddie Elizabeth Davis, 26, of Rogers, Arkansas, died April 13, 2019 from juvenile diabetes. She was a graduate student at Harding University in Rogers and taught at Lowell Elementary School. She is survived by her parents, Randy and Maribeth Davis; two sisters, Lauren and Ashton Kate; and her grandparents, Luke and Margaret McCullar, Jim and Roz Farthing, and Marjorie Davis.



Mark Christopher Perrone, 21, of Searcy, died Aug. 8, 2019. He was a senior majoring in criminal justice at Harding. He is survived by his parents, John and Sarah; two siblings, Paul Low and Grace; and his grandparents, Clyde and Kay Low.

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The importance of one

By STEPHEN D. ECKSTEIN JR.

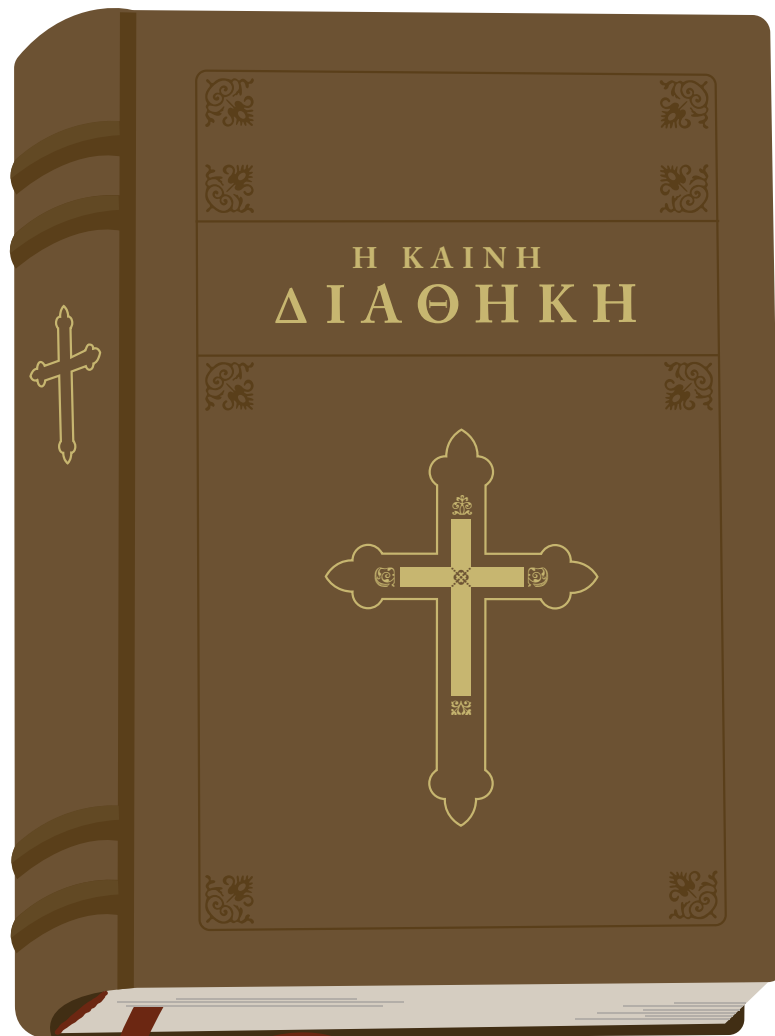
ON JULY 15, 1945, I ARRIVED HOME TO KANSAS CITY, Missouri, on a 30-day furlough before I was to ship out to Japan for the invasion. On Aug. 6, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. We stayed around the radio and heard three days later the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, and soon the war ended. So many lives were lost during World War II, and I was thankful to be able to return home. God had answered many prayers for a safe voyage home — hallelujah.

On Aug. 15, I returned to camp in Tennessee awaiting my discharge from the Army. I was only there three weeks when I was sent to Camp Beale in California to help get Christmas gifts sent to all the soldiers in the Pacific.

On the last Sunday in October, I attended church in the San Francisco area. After the service was over, I shook hands with the preacher, J.D. Bales, who was in California getting his Ph.D. He said, “Soldier, what are you going to do after you get out of the service?” I replied, “I don’t know.” And he said, “Why don’t you come to Harding?”

When I got home, I decided I wanted to go to school on the G.I. Bill. I enrolled at Kansas City Junior College, but I didn’t like it at all. I remembered Bales telling me about Harding. I sent a letter and was told to come on down for spring 1947. I found there were about 100 ex-servicemen and about 400 girls at the college. There were rules girls couldn’t ride in the car with boys, and they had to walk a certain distance apart on Sunday afternoon. I didn’t like the rules. All the ex-servicemen didn’t like the rules. I spent a lot of time playing basketball, baseball, softball and football intramurals.

After the spring was over I went down to the V.A. and told them that I wanted to change and go to another school. They told me, “You can’t keep changing schools!” So I decided I would go back. What happened then was that my dad gave me a little encouragement. He had known Hebrew all his life and studied a little Greek. He told me, “Take Greek.” I enrolled in Greek.



There were about 10 of us in the class with dear Brother Leslie Burke. After the quarter was over eight of the men quit, but one other guy and I continued. It was the best thing I ever did. It changed my whole life. Brother Burke was what I call a Jesus man — a great man who loved the Lord and a great teacher. For the next couple of years, I had Leslie Burke as my professor.

Then I met Bill Harper, who came from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, who said everyone ought to go out there. I got my master’s there and then I talked to Carl Spain who was the Bible chair at Texas Tech. I decided I would go there since it was a great opportunity. Around that time, I also started driving out to Shallowater, Texas, to preach.

One day, while I was in the office studying, seven elders knocked on my door telling me they’d like me to take the Bible chair at Portales. I nearly fell out of my chair. My wife, Mildred, who I met at Tech, and I went to visit before we took the job.

Mildred and I decided to move to Portales, and I led the Bible Chair there for 33 years. After that, we moved to teach at Michigan Christian College for 15 years. We retired in Lubbock, Texas. I’m 96 years old now, and I’m teaching a Bible class on Wednesday nights that “Everybody is Important.” My point is that one person can have a tremendous impact. Preacher Bales introduced me to Harding. My dad’s statement to “take Greek” was so important. If I hadn’t have learned from Brother Burke, I wouldn’t have taught Greek to all the people I did. This is the importance of one. 🙏

Stephen D. Eckstein Jr., Ph.D., served in World War II before graduating in 1949.

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